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## WRITS ISSUE JANUARY 10

Approach of Christmas Brings  
Lull in British Election  
Campaign

SOME HOT SHOTS  
FROM BOTH SIDES

Several Members of House of  
Lords Declare in Favor  
of Reform

LONDON, Dec. 23.—It is officially announced that the writs for the general election will be issued on January 10.

A general truce has been declared, as people are too busy preparing for Christmas celebrations, and interest in the fight for the moment has given way to the holiday spirit. The truce will last until Tuesday, when the fight will be renewed with eagerness and vigor.

In the meantime the tariff reform campaign is rapidly taking a subordinate place to the conflict over many proposals for the reform of the lords. Leading lords themselves are urging reform as an alternative to abolition of the veto. Lord Curzon is among the latest prominent members of the upper house to advance a proposal. He announces himself as in favor of a reduction of membership of the lords to 400. He would discriminate in this respect "upper four hundred" by denying hereditary peers the right to sit in the house unless they had first rendered service to the country in army, navy, civil service, or commerce. He adds that he would object to the introduction of the elective principle in connection with the lords. Many other peers yesterday morning subscribed to proposals for reform, mostly along the elective line.

The Liberal view is best represented by a novel Christmas card now in wide circulation. It bears a ducal coronet, and reads: "To the lords: Wishing you a merry old time at the hands of the electors at Christmas; and a happy release from your absolute veto in the New Year."

Tory anticipation of John Redmond in command of a German fleet at Belfast, and the Lough-Carzonian dictum that the commons are "not fit to be left alone," are the subjects of much humor in the Liberal press and on the platform. Radicals are exceeding gladness that it is so clearly indicated that every vote for an Unionist is one against the popular house.

The Freeman's Journal London correspondent is responsible for the statement that the Conservatives expect to get only twenty seats in London, whereas last year it was commonly agreed that the Radicals would get only ten.

Ministers on Stamp.

With Lloyd-George, John Burns, Sir Edward Grey and other cabinet members speaking, the ministerialists again had a big pull last night, at any rate in newspaper space. John Burns was in excellent form. In addressing his constituents he described Mr. Blatchford, the Socialist, as a war-mongering brand, whom Tory papers were using to bring about a colossal calamity. Talk about inefficiency of the navy was not Great Britain, however, would take two lessons from Germany. She would avoid destruction and protection (cheers). Between 30,000 and 50,000 Berlin workmen were employed in 1908. Why were there 4,000 bureaus for registering unemployed in Germany if there were "two jobs for every man" in the country? (Laughter.) Mr. Burns then detailed the government's proposals for dealing with the unemployed.

Lloyd-George was given a reception last night which can only be described as rapturous in the centre of the tinplate industry. Llanelli, Wales, which apparently will return another solid phalanx of Radicals in January. Retaliation, said the chancellor of the exchequer, it was not the policy for the principle; it was a sort of new version of the sermon of the moment. The flourishing state of the tinplate trade showed it was not wanted.

Sir Edward Grey declared a reformed second chamber was necessary. The Conservatives are putting up a good fight. Mr. Balfour's health is being anxiously watched.

Some Campaign Remarks.  
Bonar Law at Jarrow combatted the

## NEWS SUMMARY

- 1.—Writs issue January 10. Puzzle over interview. Army's fate is unknown.
- 2.—Heavy docket for magistrature.
- 3.—Isolation hospital. 'Aeroplane' for sale.
- 4.—Editorial.
- 5.—Pleads for return of bride. Culmination is tonight.
- 6.—News of the city.
- 7.—Vancouver seeks charter changes.
- 8.—In woman's realm.
- 9.—Sporting news.
- 10.—Social and personal. Traditions of Christmas.
- 11.—Mining department.
- 12.—Hotel arrivals.
- 13.—Diddle birds like electricity.
- 14.—Marine news.
- 15.—Provincial happenings.
- 16.—Holiday fare for Victorians.
- 17.—Additional sport.
- 18.—Classified ads.
- 19.—Excess costs will be paid. Inside lots are purchased.
- 20.—David Spencer's ad.

statement that tariff reform would ruin the shipbuilding industry. That industry had made marvelous strides in Germany under the German fiscal system. Tariff reformers did not want to stop imports, but to change the character and have more raw materials and less manufactured articles brought into the country.

Former Irish Secretary Wyndham at Dover, declared that Lloyd-George meant to tax landlords until they were compelled to drive an unfavorable bargain with either prospective tenants or town councils. The old age pension would not have come out of the present government's budget, but out of the simple expedient of not paying for the navy and trusting to next year.

Neville Chamberlain at Birmingham said what was wanted was more business and more employment, and neither the fears of the chancellor of the exchequer nor the grievances of Mr. Churchill, against his relation in the house of lords would divert them from that issue.

The Daily Graphic, Conservative, says: "With the best cause in the world the Unionists are lacking in man to appeal to the imagination of the electorate. There is also an uneasy feeling abroad that the methods of the Unionist associations are not effective as they should be." The Graphic hopes the Unionist whips will find a remedy for the disquieting situation during the Christmas lull.

Lord Liffingthorpe said that land in Great Britain was owned by far too few people. "But," he asked, "what is in the budget calculated to help or make easier the transfer of land? Absolutely nothing. The Government simply says, 'Give us a share of the plunder, mum's the word.' (Laughter.) The Duke of Norfolk said that if England wishes to have a reformed chamber the house of lords will yield and bring itself into line with a very natural feeling.

Lord Savile said that while a number of peers were gallantly fighting for queen and country and England was mourning the loss of so many of her brave sons in South Africa, Lloyd-George was sitting comfortably in the House of Commons cheering at top of his voice at the news of each fresh disaster to the British forces. This was the man, this miserable Little Englander, this enemy of King and country, who now sought to destroy the Lords, and who considered no device too mean or low to attain this end.

F. E. Smith, Unionist, said that during years of the Liberal rule the Liberals had done absolutely nothing to solve the problem of the unemployed, yet they were now asking for a fresh lease of power to deal with such abhorrent questions as ending the House of Lords.

T. J. MacNamara, parliamentary secretary of the local government board, said that by April, 1912, we should have 20 Dreadnoughts, while the next great naval power would have 13. These together with our pre-Dreadnoughts, ought to leave no doubt in the mind of anybody that the present government had made national safety amply secure.

Joseph Chamberlain, in a letter, says: "We have great odds against us, as all the cranks in the country have put their heads together, and are going to oppose us at next election. But our people are a very sensible people, and I trust them. They will not be afraid of these odds, I am sure, and in the course of time common sense will win."

## STEAMER OWNER PAYS DAMAGES

Passenger on Burned Lake  
Winnipeg Boat, Premier,  
is Awarded \$4,000

WINNIPEG, Dec. 23.—The harrowing experience of the survivors of the steamer Premier, which was burned at Warren's Landing, at the head of Lake Winnipeg, last year, was revived in Mr. Justice Macleod's court today when judgment was rendered for \$4,000 damages against the Dominion Fish Co. in favor of Nurse Isbister.

In the summer of 1908 she went up to Warren's to visit her brother. On her return she boarded the steamer Premier, the least degree of her personal effects, all of which were burned, including a valuable gold watch and chain. She put the children to bed and then retired to her own room, going to sleep as usual, but was awakened by hearing a cry of fire.

She ran to the room where she had left the children, but found they were not in bed, and satisfied herself that they must have been rescued. She then tried to get down the passage to escape, but it was filled with flames and smoke, and she got on the promenade where the flames were bursting all around.

There was no avenue of escape left except the open lake. There was a tug close by, but she hesitated to jump, when Forest, the mate of the Premier, who was the only officer of that ship who was shown to have retained any presence of mind or did anything in the least degree towards the saving of the ship or the passengers, pushed her into the lake, as there was no other avenue of escape. She was able to swim, and in a few moments was pulled into the tug. In falling into the lake she struck the fence of the tug and sustained serious injuries.

His Lordship reviewed the evidence at length, and found that the ship caught fire at the stove hole, and that there was wood piled in the gangway, which caught fire and spread through the ship. He found the defendants were clearly guilty of negligence in permitting a fire to consume the vessel without making any reasonable effort to stop its progress or to inform the passengers of their danger. Common carriers of passengers are bound to use all due, proper and reasonable care, to carry passengers safely. Either there was no watchman on duty or if on duty he must certainly have been very negligent, otherwise the crew and passengers would have been aroused in time to have insured their safety.

## ARMY'S FATE IS UNKNOWN

Mystery in Connection With  
Zelayan Force Holding  
Greytown

MAY HAVE JOINED  
REVOLUTIONISTS

President Madriz Held Responsible  
for the Safety of  
Americans

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Secretary Knox has sent formal notice to President Madriz of Nicaragua that the United States government will hold him strictly accountable for the safety of American citizens in the western sections of that country.

The United States consul at Managua was directed to report what basis there was for apprehension for trouble on the part of American residents in that part of the country, and especially at Granada.

The State Department is in something of a quandary as to what has become of the small army, approximately a thousand men, belonging to the Nicaraguan forces, which at last accounts had possession of Greytown. This force was until recently commanded by Gen. Toledo, who lately was reported as having arrived at Managua.

The report received yesterday from Col. Shipley of the Des Moines at Bluefields, said the defeat and surrender of the Zelayan forces of Rama disposed of all the armed resistance to Estrada on the east coast. Whether the Greytown contingent previously had joined the Zelayan forces at Rama is in doubt. If not, it is assumed that another engagement at or near Greytown may be expected before Estrada's army takes up its march for Managua.

Labor Bodies Amalgamate.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—The amalgamation of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway employees with the Canadian Federation of Labor, which has been pending since the convention of the latter held here in September, has at last been completed. Final arrangements were made for the taking of the railway men into the Canadian Federation of Labor, which has been pending since the convention of the latter held here in September, has at last been completed. Final arrangements were made for the taking of the railway men into the Canadian Federation of Labor, which has been pending since the convention of the latter held here in September, has at last been completed.

## MAY BE DECIDED BY AUTO SUPPLY

Not Grave Issues, But Motor  
Cars, Main Factor in  
Election

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Judging from an appeal issued today from the central Conservative office, the general election may not be decided by the budget, tariff reform, action of the House of Lords, Socialism or German peril issues, but by the abundance of automobiles placed at the disposal of the party organizations.

"I know we must have motor cars to carry voters to the polls," says the manager of the Conservative campaign. "We have opened a register at our headquarters, where owners of cars can record information as to when and where their vehicles can be had during the voting period. This roll may be well called a roll of honor. We can use cars for any length of time, from one hour to six days. Now is the time for owners of cars to show their patriotism."

Commenting on this appeal the Daily Telegraph says: "The working class voter of England today demands a free motor ride at election time, and if he does not get it he does not vote. The East Wolverhampton by-election was lost because the Conservatives could not send three motor cars to the constituency to get a dozen men on the register. On the other hand, W. H. Lever, M. P., gave half a dozen Wolverhampton radicals working at Port Sunlight a day's holiday and a motor trip to enable them to record their votes.

"Carriages are insufficient, but the modern elector requires to be patronized."

The statement sounds strange alongside the grave utterances of Robert Blatchford and many others to the effect that the fate of the British Empire is in the balance.

## DUKE OF CONNAUGHT

Prospect of His Succeeding Earl Grey  
as Governor-General of  
Canada.

By Taking Strychnine.  
MIDLAND, Ont., Dec. 23.—Pearl McKinley, a well known young lady of this town, committed suicide by taking strychnine. No reason is known for her act.

Fourth Paper for Calgary.  
CALGARY, Dec. 23.—A fourth daily paper is promised for Calgary, and it is expected that the first issue will appear on March 1st. Sums ranging from \$35,000 to \$50,000 are mentioned as being subscribed for the purpose of installing plant, etc.

Boy Killed By Engine.  
TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Attempting to hop on the pilot of a freight train so that he could get to the bush and cut a Christmas tree, Percy Codgins, an 11-year-old boy, fell under the wheels this morning and was instantly killed.

Toronto Mayorality Candidates.  
TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Mayorality candidates nominated today were: H. C. Hocken, journalist; G. R. Geary, barrister; W. A. Alexander, accountant; R. E. Noble, Thomas Davies, gentlemen, and J. M. Briggs, broker.

Calgary's Street Railway.  
CALGARY, Dec. 23.—Contracts for six new street cars were awarded by the Calgary commissioners. The cars will be secured from eastern firms. Extension of the system and the rapidly increasing business demand additional accommodation for patrons.

Skyscraper for Winnipeg.  
WINNIPEG, Dec. 23.—It is stated here today on what appears to be reliable authority that W. J. Clerrique, a Montreal capitalist, will next spring erect a twelve-story building on Notre Dame avenue, one of the leading thoroughfares of the city, to cost in the neighborhood of three quarters of a million dollars.

Hanged For Murder.  
TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Falle Stactoff, a Macedonian, who was convicted of hacking Simoff, a fellow countryman, to death with a hatchet, in order to secure about \$100 which the victim had on him, was hanged this morning by Hangman Radcliffe. Stactoff confessed to killing Simoff. He admitted murdering an Englishman in Terre Haute, Ind., who he suspected of another Akron, Ohio, murder.

Liberal Majority Decreased.  
HALIFAX, Dec. 23.—The by-election for the House of Commons for Lunenburg to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of A. K. Maclean, who became attorney-general of Nova Scotia, came off yesterday. J. D. Sperry, Liberal, was elected with a majority of 268 over Dr. C. S. Marshall. Mr. Maclean's majority in the local election was over 500. There was a considerable change in favor of the Conservatives in the towns of Lunenburg and Bridgewater.

N. T. R. Disputes Settled.  
OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—It is announced that a number of disputes as to classification of excavation on the Lake Superior section of the Transcontinental railway have been adjusted between Mr. Kellner, J. D. Sperry, Liberal, and Gordon Grant, chief engineer of the commission. This has been done without the necessity of reference to Collingwood Schreiber, the third arbitrator. The other sections will be gone over in the spring.

## EXPLORER COOK REMAINS HIDDEN

No Trace is Found in Europe—  
Brother Says He Fears  
Foul Play

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 23.—The University of Copenhagen, having received no communication from Dr. F. A. Cook since its verdict was rendered, no longer expects to hear anything further from the explorer. The rector of the University said today that he was convinced that Dr. Cook would remain in hiding as long as possible. He believes Dr. Cook is in Europe.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A cablegram received today by Prof. J. Howard Gore, chairman of the subcommittee appointed by the National Geographic Society to conduct the investigation of Dr. Cook's claims announced that the University of Copenhagen had forwarded its report in the matter to the society. That report will be considered by the subcommittee, but on the submission of the original observations of Dr. Cook and the field note book which he kept on his Arctic trip, he says hinges the verdict of the subcommittee. A meeting of the subcommittee will be held during the first week in January.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 23.—No trace can be found of Dr. Cook, either here or at Ostend, although there is a possibility that he left Ostend by steamer last night for Dover. M. Lecoq, secretary of the Brussels observatory, said this evening that he had received no word from Cook, and that he believed the Doctor certainly would have visited him if he came to Brussels.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Wm. L. Cook declared today that he believed that his brother, Dr. F. A. Cook, had met foul play abroad, and he feared that he had been murdered. "I had a letter from Dr. Cook early this week," said the brother, "in which he said he was hurrying to Copenhagen with his proofs of having found the North Pole. He said he had reached Copenhagen before this, and as he had been threatened with violence I fear that his enemies have overtaken him."

Panama Canal Completion.  
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Congressman James A. Tawney of Minnesota, after releasing the Panama Canal bill, would be completed by January 1st, 1915, at a total cost of \$375,000,000, said the congressional committee on appropriations would recommend an appropriation of \$35,000,000 for 1910 and 1911 and \$48,000,000 for the completion of the canal.

## PUZZLE OVER INTERVIEW

Guesses at Identity of Canadian  
Minister Supposed to  
Have Offended

UNIONISTS RESENT  
ALLEGED UTTERANCE

Inquiry at Ottawa Fails to Reveal  
Correspondent or the  
Man Interviewed

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The political puzzle of the hour is the identity of the Canadian minister, who, as the Unionists declare, openly violating the first principles of autonomy, has joined in the British domestic fight in the bitterest partisan spirit. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. W. S. Fielding, no one suspects, but suspicion fastens on two of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's leading colleagues, who on recent visits to England talked in a wild fashion on British home affairs, are so complex and so grave as to which puzzle the most experienced British statesmanship.

Many Radicals, who realize the menace to entire imperial good feeling which this departure involves, and who deplore the indiscretion of the minister quoted, hope that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will lose no time on behalf of his colleagues in repudiating the ministerial partisanship of any kind in the British elections before the campaign. The Radical campaign is spreading the misstatements in leaflet form in every part of England and Scotland as Canada's official view.

The Standard devotes an article to what it calls this attempt to exploit Canada for British political purposes, and calls the minister's statement in the Manchester Guardian an astounding travesty of the Unionist platform, a travesty so complete and partisan, that it is hardly to be believed that it will pass without immediate repudiation.

The Standard especially resents the gross personal attacks, as it terms it, on the esteemed Unionist leader, Lord Lansdowne, and adds that British statesmen, on both sides of politics have always observed the careful abstention from participation in Canadian internal politics. "It is incredible that Sir Wilfrid Laurier or any of his colleagues should desire to depart from the wholesome principle that each consume its own political smoke."

The Manchester Guardian today returns to the theme, repeating the minister's most violent utterances, and especially emphasizing his declaration that all well-informed Canadians favor a Radical victory, while a Unionist victory might cause Canada in self defence to leave the Empire.

Not Known at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—The cable story to the Manchester Guardian in which a Canadian cabinet minister is credited with "butting in" at the political contest in Great Britain and expressing strong anti-Unionist sentiments, has attracted considerable attention here. The difficulty now appears to be in finding the authors of the story, both writer and party interviewed. The Guardian is not known as having any accredited representative here and no one has so far been found among the cabinet members willing to shoulder the responsibility of a wholly unwarrantable interference into the domestic politics of Great Britain. Suspicion has been directed in a couple of quarters, but their ignorance of the whole business is diplomatically professed. While there is no doubt that members of the Laurier cabinet sympathize with the Liberals in the present fight, the extent to which their property would be openly expressed for publication is questionable.

## BARONESS VAUGHN WINS

French Court Decides in Her Favor in  
Regard to Ownership of  
Chateau at Balinacourt.

PONTOISE, France, Dec. 23.—The court today decided in favor of Baroness Vaughn and ordered the removal of the seals which had been placed upon her property at Balinacourt. Attorneys for the daughters of the late King Leopold had sought to seize the residence given the baroness by their father, and as a first step had placed seals indicating the claim of ownership upon the property.

At the same time the court orders that an inventory be made of the contents of the chateau, with the exception of the personal effects of the baroness and her children, which the court directs shall be placed immediately at their disposal. In case the attorneys for the Princess Louise and Baroness Vaughn are unable to agree upon a person to make the inventory the choice will be made by the court. In any event, the Belgian consul is to be present while the account is being taken of the furniture, art treasures and securities.

In addition to the \$150,000 paid by the baroness for the chateau it is estimated that over \$200,000 has since been expended in making alterations and an equal amount for furnishings and treasures of art.

## Santa Clara College's Loss

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 23.—Fire yesterday destroyed the administration building of Santa Clara college. The damage is \$70,000. The fire was discovered by Father Ryan, a member of the faculty, who was awakened by a nightmare and rushed into the corridor to find the building in flames.

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## HEAVY DOCKET FOR MAGISTRATE

Many Cases Heard in Police Court Yesterday—Lucky Mr. Donegan

When Police Magistrate Jay mounted his bench yesterday morning and rubbed his hands preparatory to running over the docket he was quite unprepared for the little surprise that awaited him. Ordinarily one or two cases comprise the bill of fare for Victoria is a law-abiding community even if it doesn't favor the kinks. Yesterday, however, the docket was covered with closely written names and charges. When he had looked closely twice, to assure himself that the passenger list of one of the leading hotels hadn't been placed before him by mistake, Magistrate Jay was aware of the fact that the longest docket in months had come up in the heart of the Christmas season when peace and good will are supposed to be at their height.

No one could explain it. Perhaps it was the Christmas spirit evincing itself by boomerang, but whatever it was the fact remains that the coffers of the city were enriched by \$70 collected in small fines and that, too, with several cases standing over.

### No Cows This Time.

Surprise number two met the magistrate when the first case came up. Three men were charged with having allowed their horses to wander loose damaging boulevards on Pallerton and McPherson streets and on Langford avenue, and there, smiling up at him from among the accused, Magistrate Jay described the rosate features of no less a celebrity than James Donegan, dairyman and hero of the famous Romance of Donegan's Cows. It was a horse this time, however. One of Misher Donegan's chargers was charged with ripping up the boulevards and he had been impounded. But again a benign Providence watched over James Donegan and even as he got the better of the city in the case of his cows so did he escape yesterday for, while A. J. Potts and Fred Lott, the other accused, pleaded guilty to the charges and paid \$5 each, Mr. Donegan sat tight and waited. The prosecutor was unable to prove Donegan's ownership of the horse that was impounded and the charge was dismissed. To all of which we are constrained to add "Erlin go Braght!"

Thelma White, a lady with a past—also with a present and a future, could not show just cause why she should not be looked upon as a common vagrant and, given the alternative of going to jail for one month or contributing \$25 to the city, she chose the latter. When James Welsh, a small-sized man, pointed to his injured person and explained that James Murray and John Keating, two large-sized and husky gentlemen, had walloped him to a frazzle without cause outside a saloon where they had all been drinking. Messrs. Murray and Keating didn't bother denying it. They paid \$10 and \$11 respectively.

In Approved Style. Paul Saring, a tall, rugged-looking lumber-jack with that mystified look in his eyes that so often characterizes the optics of lumber-jacks soon after they hit town, explained that sometime recently he had come in to town from a lumber camp somewhere and that trouble had been waiting for him in large-sized portions. He didn't recall very much of what history he had helped to construct during his visit in town but he did recall meeting at the Occidental hotel, a lady named Nellie Anderson. Not long afterwards Saring declared he discovered that \$25 which he had possessed, was not present. He accused Miss Anderson of the theft. However there was no proof to show that Miss Anderson had acquired the \$25 and the case was dismissed.

William Baynton, a gentleman whom the police accuse of having undesirable friends and of being an ordinary vag, asked to have his case remanded until the 27th. He declared that he would secure proof of the fact that he is a perfectly respectable citizen.

William Kane, who recently volunteered some information in police court to assist the police to unravel a mystery of the theft of a watch, was the principal in a case yesterday himself. The police say that William is a friend to all drunks, that he hangs about and makes friends with them and that he is a vag. William was allowed a remand until the 24th.

William Thompson, also charged with vagrancy, was also remanded to the 24th.

The two boys against whom there are five charges of housebreaking and theft, came up again yesterday morning. J. A. Alkman who, on Wednesday, was acting for one of the boys, stated yesterday that he had withdrawn as counsel and counsel will have to be found for the pair. They will be tried together and the case will probably be opened today.

### A SORRY CHRISTMAS

Surveyors to Spend the Feast on Short Rations.

Reports received yesterday from members of surveying parties working on the new power line for the B. C. Electric Company state that owing to the condition of the rivers and streams it is unlikely that they will be able to get home for Christmas as they had expected. The Skoke river is flooded still and the bridge on the Muir river has been washed away. There have been also several landslides on the roads and the camps are short of supplies. The Indians who do the ferrying refuse to attempt to cross the rivers. All in all the outlook for a merry Christmas for the surveyors is not bright.

### Fernie Waterworks

Formal notice has been filed with the Provincial Secretary by the City Clerk of Fernie of the application of that city corporation for approval of its plans for and completed system of waterworks.

### The Case of Alec. Smith

After desultory search in the Okanagan district extending over the past five months, the police have come to the conclusion that Alec. Smith, for whom a warrant was issued in connection with the Vernon Hotel fire, is

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Irish Poplin Scarfs (genuine imported), wide flowing ends, Derbys and Oxford, plain stripes and fancy patterns. Prices, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00, 75c and \$50c. English Scarfs, Oxford shape, at 50c and 35c. Flowing-End Scarfs, generously wide, made especially for our Christmas trade, extra heavy, rich silk, exclusive fashion, at \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00 and 75c. Knitted Silk Ties, pure silk, in plain and fancy patterns, exceptionally handsome, at \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00.

### DENT'S FAMOUS GLOVES

Dogskin Gloves, tan, with dome fasteners. Special, per pair \$1.00. Dogskin Gloves, tan and grey, with dome fasteners. Special per pair, \$1.50 and \$1.25. Kirby Tan Gloves, for walking and driving. Per pair, \$2.00 and \$1.75. Tan Cheverette Gloves. Per pair, \$2.00. French Kid Gloves. Per pair, \$2.00 and \$1.75. Moccas, in tan, sable, brown and grey. For pair \$1.75.

### Ornamental Christmas Boxes

Given Gratis to purchasers of Neckwear, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, etc.

### FANCY WAIST COATS

Fancy Cloth Waistcoats, newest and most exclusive ideas, ranging from \$6.50 to \$2.50. Fancy Knitted Waistcoats, very "classy," wide choice of newest conceptions, at \$6.50 to \$2.50.

### BRACES

Fancy Braces, in dainty boxes, appropriate for the season, at \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.50 and 75c. Fancy Braces, with hose supporters to match, at \$1.25. Braces, excellent plain styles, wide selection, at \$1.50 down to 50c.

### MUFFLERS

"Dr. Jaeger's" Mufflers, the long, fashioned kind, exceedingly choice, fancy colors, price \$1.50 and \$1.00. Wool Mufflers, new style, with dome fastener, to lay inside coat and protect collar and chest, in white, grey, sky, black, etc., at \$1, 75c and 50c.

not in the Okanagan hills. The police are as a matter of fact not especially anxious to apprehend the fugitive, for the evidence in hand is counted insufficient to justify proceedings for arson. It is true Smith on his departure left a curious letter which has been variously interpreted as a partial confession. Other readings make it quite as effective a declaration of innocence. It is the belief of the authorities that Smith—who was just recovering at the

time from a prolonged debauch—was scarcely aware of what he wrote, but in simple truth intended his letter as a strong denial of responsibility for the tragedy in which thirteen people lost their lives. Latest information tends to fix the authorship of the fire upon the unknown toper who was left to sleep off his potations in the washroom, near which his charred body was found, this being the initial point of the fatal fire.

Only One **Laxative Bromo Quinine** that is on box. 25c. Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days. *E. J. Brown*

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THE JEWELLERS

# The Last Day

TODAY is the final opportunity to purchase that gift overlooked in the pressure of Christmas shopping. The side lists and our magnificent stock will materially assist you. . . . .

### FOR WIFE

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Hand Bags                           | \$2.50 to \$29.00  |
| Long Neck Chains                    | \$3.00 to \$53.00  |
| Amethyst and Pearl Brooches         | \$11.00 to \$72.00 |
| Long Neck Chains of Jet             | \$5.00 to \$9.00   |
| Solid Gold Crosses                  | \$3.00 to \$25.00  |
| Bohemian Garnet Brooches            | \$2 to \$12        |
| Umbrellas with Silver Handles, from | \$4.25 to \$22.50  |

### FOR FIANCEE

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Long Chains (silver) | \$1.35 to \$4.20  |
| Brooches from        | 25c to \$112.50   |
| Vell Pins (gold)     | \$3.00 to \$9.00  |
| Gold Necklets        | \$2.25 to \$14.50 |
| Earrings (gold)      | \$4.00 (Special)  |
| Rings, stone set     | \$1.80 to \$22.50 |
| Hat Pins (gold)      | \$2.00 to \$25.00 |
| Heart Charms (gold)  | \$1.35 to \$3.50  |

### FOR MOTHER

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Photo Frames         | 35c to \$24.75    |
| Belt Buckles         | \$1.75 to \$5.00  |
| Hair Combs           | 75c to \$5.00     |
| Bon-Bon Dishes       | \$2.05 to \$15.30 |
| Key Rings            | 75c to \$1.50     |
| Brooches             | \$2.50 to \$50.00 |
| Chain Purse (silver) | \$3.40 to \$54.00 |
| Chatelaines          | \$1.00 to \$2.70  |

### FOR GRANNY

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Brooches from           | \$1.65 to \$25.00 |
| Umbrellas (exclusive)   | \$7.50 to \$25.00 |
| Bon-Bon Dishes (silver) | \$2.05 to \$15.30 |
| Vases (silver)          | \$3.75 to \$39.15 |
| Candlesticks (silver)   | \$3.85 to \$24.75 |
| Photo Frames (silver)   | 35c to \$24.75    |
| Thumbles (silver)       | 25c to \$1.15     |

### FOR SISTER

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Photo Frames (silver)     | 35c to \$25.00   |
| Long Chains (silver)      | \$1.35 to \$4.20 |
| Necklets (silver)         | 75c to \$1.80    |
| Earrings (gold filled)    | 25c to \$2.50    |
| Chatelaines (gold filled) | \$1.00 to \$2.70 |
| Locket (gold filled)      | 75c to \$2.40    |
| Blouse Sets, per set      | 25c to \$6.10    |
| Belt Buckles (silver)     | \$1.30 to \$4.50 |

### FOR FRIEND

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Photo Frame (silver)        | 35c to \$3.50     |
| Men's Watches, upwards from | \$1.50            |
| Penholders (silver)         | \$1.00 to \$4.50  |
| Fountain Pens               | \$2.00 to \$10.00 |
| Cigarette Cases (silver)    | \$4.50 to \$12.15 |
| Match Boxes (silver)        | \$1.60 to \$4.50  |
| Pocket Knives (gold)        | \$3.00 to \$11.25 |

### FOR HUSBAND

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Good Gold Filled Watch Chains | \$3.00 to \$12.00 |
| Handsome Gold Signet Rings    | \$3.50 to \$17.00 |
| Umbrellas with Silver Handles | \$7.50 to \$11.25 |
| Cuff Links (solid gold)       | \$1.80 to \$18.00 |
|                               | \$2.50 to \$28.50 |

### FOR FIANCE

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Gold Watches                 | \$12.25 to \$62.50 |
| Cuff Links (gold)            | \$1.80 (Special)   |
| Signet Rings (gold)          | \$2.50 to \$18.00  |
| Vest Set (gold)              | \$3.85 to \$29.25  |
| Umbrellas (exclusive)        | \$11.00 to \$25.00 |
| Canes (exclusive)            | \$8.00 to \$30.00  |
| Fountain Pens (gold mounted) | \$6.75 to \$35.00  |
| Match Box (silver)           | \$1.60 to \$4.50   |

### FOR FATHER

|                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Candlesticks                    | \$3.85 to \$39.15  |
| Cuff Links (gold), upwards from | \$1.80             |
| Pencil Cases (gold)             | \$5.00 to \$22.00  |
| Chains (gold)                   | \$2.75 to \$35.00  |
| Shirt Sets (gold)               | \$23.50 to \$48.50 |
| Umbrellas (exclusive)           | \$11.00 to \$25.00 |
| Shirt Studs (gold)              | \$1.00 to \$7.50   |
| Gold Filled Watches up from     | \$13.75            |

### FOR BROTHER

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Photo Frames (silver)       | 35c to \$25.00    |
| Men's Watches, upwards from | \$1.50            |
| Cuff Links (silver)         | 50c to \$1.80     |
| Penholders (silver)         | \$1.00 to \$4.50  |
| Fountain Pens               | \$2.00 to \$10.00 |
| Match Boxes (silver)        | \$1.60 to \$4.50  |
| Pennels (silver)            | 50c to \$6.75     |
| Pocket Knives (gold)        | \$3.00 to \$11.25 |

### FOR GRANDFATHER

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Men's Watches for       | \$2.50 to \$250.00 |
| Cuff Links (solid gold) | \$1.80 (Special)   |
| Tobacco Jars (Silver)   | \$5.65 to \$12.15  |
| Cigar Cutters (silver)  | \$1.25 to \$3.60   |
| Match Boxes (silver)    | \$1.60 to \$4.50   |
| Pen Holders (silver)    | \$1.00 to \$4.50   |
| Umbrellas (exclusive)   | \$11.00 to \$25.00 |
| Canes (gold mounted)    | \$8.00 to \$30.00  |

### FOR BABY

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Knife and Fork Sets (silver) from | \$6.75 to \$11.25 |
| Locket (silver)                   | \$1.00 to \$5.65  |
| Napkin Rings (silver)             | \$1.15 to \$3.40  |
| Baby Spoons (silver)              | 80c to \$2.50     |
| Child's Silver Cups               | \$6.10 to \$13.50 |
| Baby Rings, upwards from          | 75c               |
| Child's Bracelet                  | \$1.80 to \$5.20  |

## REMEMBER

From 25c up to \$1,000. We offer you a choice of Xmas Gifts supreme in quantity, quality and economy. It matters not what amount you desire to expend, we can, and always do, give you the greatest value in the West, carefully packed and promptly delivered.

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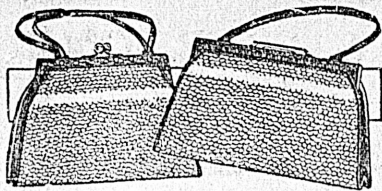
1017 Government Street, Victoria, B. C.

## DON'T FORGET

Our Gift Trade this season has been huge, but our systematic method of day-to-day replenishing of stock keeps our showcases filled with beautiful gifts right up to the stroke of midnight on Christmas Eve. Store closed tomorrow, re-opens Monday, December 27th.



## Fancy Leather Goods



### FINE XMAS GIFTS

Our stock is large, therefore we have marked everything in this line surprisingly low for the holiday trade. A unique assortment

### FOR LADIES AND MEN

MANICURE SETS LADIES' WORK BOXES  
GLOVE AND HANDKERCHIEF CASES  
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GENTLEMEN'S ROLL TOILET CASES  
GENTLEMEN'S COLLAR AND TIE BOXES  
GENTLEMEN'S MILITARY BRUSHES  
BRUSH SETS CLOTHES BRUSHES  
HAT BRUSHES  
ADJUSTABLE MIRRORS FOR SHAVING  
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### NECKWEAR FOR A MAN'S GIFT

Sure to please especially if it is from this store where nothing but the most stylish finds a place. See our unmatched values.

NECKWEAR FROM \$2.00 to 25c

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### THE STORK CHILDREN'S STORE

## Xmas Gifts

### FOR THE LITTLE ONES

Our stock is full of dainty, useful and "pretty" articles that make a handsome present for the baby.  
Infants' Wool Coats, up from ..... 65c  
Infants' Hand Crocheted Sets, beautifully made, pure wool and silk trimmings, comprising hood, coat, booties and mitts. A splendid gift ..... \$5.00  
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Children's Fur Muffs, from ..... 45c  
We have on view the best selection of popularly priced dolls in the city. Call and see our stock and prices. You will be pleased.

R. TUNNICLIFFE & CO., 643 FORT STREET

## Present Good Perfume

A Christmas Gift that is always acceptable to lady, man or child. All the world's best Perfumes are to be found here, daintily boxed and priced right for purchasers.

"Lorna" is a very pleasing odor—Come in and try it.



## CYRUS H. BOWES,

Chemist. 1228 Government St.

## MORE TALK BUT NO DECISION

### Isolation Hospital Tangle Still Before the Board of Health

While it was expected that the civic board of health, composed of the entire council, would reach some definite conclusion relative to the trouble which has arisen between Dr. Robertson, the health officer, and Mrs. King, matron of the isolation hospital, no decision has as yet been come to. Two meetings have already been held at which the matter was discussed behind closed doors, the press representatives being excluded, and last night at the conclusion of the meeting, bridges and sewers committee meeting, Mayor Hall, in his capacity of chairman of the board, called another meeting at which the same method to secure secrecy was adopted. But the subject was considered but shortly and no new facts were adduced.

Dr. Robertson has intimated that unless Mrs. King is dismissed he will resign but some of the aldermen believe that some amicable arrangement can be come to. Mrs. King has also friends on the board. At a meeting held last Monday evening when a motion was made to discharge Mrs. King the board split over and the vote was not taken. If Mrs. King is retained then Dr. Robertson resigns and in that case it is feared by some of the aldermen, that the question of professional etiquette will arise and the other doctors will refuse to step into the charge of patients. Another meeting will be held when the tangle will again be threshed out.

Another subject before the board was the claim of Mrs. Agur, who recently fell into a trench on Hillside avenue sustaining injuries and shock, compensation for which she places at \$250 though her medical bill amounted to but \$15. This matter was also left over for future consideration.

### Many Complaints

The work before the streets committee was purely routine. A claim put in by Mrs. Donald McLeod for \$50 for inconvenience occasioned by the improvement work recently done on

Gordon street near Humboldt street where the roadway was graded down some eight feet forcing her to go through a neighbor's property to gain access to the street and also resulting in the loss of a lodger, was referred to the city engineer and city solicitor to settle with her. This is the second claim of a similar nature preferred by an owner on that street.

The owner on Humboldt street who have protested against the laying of a boulevard on that street, will be informed that it is not the intention of the city to lay a boulevard but merely to carry out the bylaw as passed which provided for no boulevard. The street was graded and sidewalks laid and the space between the walks and the roadway curb filled in, but that was as far as it was intended to go.

Complaints of George Jeeves of the condition of the roadway on Blanchard street along the rails of the V. & S. railway and of the bad condition of the catch basin at the corner of King's road and Blanchard street were considered. In the former the engineer stated that the company had been notified to fix the roadway, but so far has done nothing. The catch basin has been cleaned and no further trouble there is expected.

The complaint of Justin Gilbert at the inadequate drainage facilities at the lake in Beacon Hill park will be looked into by the engineer. The heavy rains overflowed the lake and the water ran across Douglas street and flooded Mr. Gilbert's property.

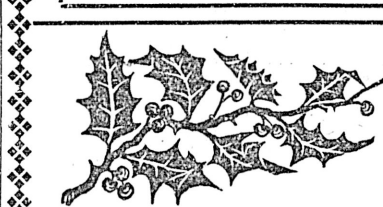
A complaint from owners on Edmondson road and Fernwood road at the delay in finishing the new surface drain was also referred to the engineer who stated that with a few more days of good weather the work will be completed. The wish of owners at the corner of Vancouver and Humboldt streets that a small maple tree which is in the street line should not be cut down will not be considered but the tree will come down, the superintendent of sidewalk construction, E. Warwick being ordered to remove it.

Another complaint of flooding of property during the recent heavy rain was considered, this latest one being from F. T. Watson, Rudlin road. In this case the city does not consider it is in any way to blame.

### DIES SUDDENLY

John Emery, Seized Suddenly With Fatal Illness, Succumbs.

John Emery, a well known resident of this city, passed away suddenly yesterday afternoon. Mr. Emery seemed in good health yesterday and was around the city as usual. In the after-



## DO YOU NEED AN AEROPLANE?

Victoria Firm Appointed Agents For Sale of Blériot Article

So far as known to followers of aeronautics in this city, Victoria has—or will have in the very near future—the first airship sales depot, dock, and repair shops in British Columbia or the Dominion of Canada. The machine to be presented as the pioneer craft in aerial navigation in Western Canada is the famous monoplane with which M. Blériot accomplished the conquest of the English Channel, arousing the interest and admiration of the world, convincing the most skeptical that the days of doubt as to the

noon, however, he was taken sick while in the office of P. R. Brown. He was removed home and Dr. George Hall was called but all that medical skill could do was unavailing. Mr. Emery dying within one hour and a half after reaching home. Mr. Emery had been a resident of this city for the past 19 years and was widely known and highly respected. He was born in North Hatley, Quebec, and was in his 67th year. He leaves besides a widow, three sons and four daughters to mourn his loss. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved widow, who, it will be remembered, lost one of her sons only four weeks ago. The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon from the family residence. Further announcements will be made later.

actual solution of the great problem of mechanical flight are really at an end, and incidentally winning the "Daily Mail" grand prize of \$25,000—together with all the incidental and deserved honors.

The Blimley Automobile Company, Limited, is the pioneer agency, and is now prepared to accept orders for Blériot monoplanes, equipped and ready for use, together with preliminary expert instruction in the art of aerial navigation, machines being at present quoted at \$3,500 f. o. b. at Victoria, and delivery being guaranteed in May next.

The Blériot monoplane with wings folded is but little larger than a gasoline or electric runabout, and is reputedly simple to operate and easy to control.

### Charms of Flying.

Although unfamiliarity at first blurs prompts the suggestion that sales will

# Campbell

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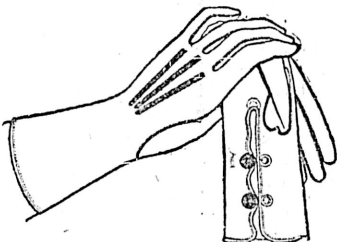
We Ourselves the Better Serve By Serving Others Best

## DON'T FAIL TO COME HERE TODAY

We are distributing Santa Claus' gifts with ever increasing speed and promptitude. Our tables, show-cases and counters are replete with countless Xmas bargains. Visit us today and see for yourself what we have to offer. We will satisfy you.

### Glove Specials

Excellent display of Gloves, Dent's and Fowne's, at all times, especially at Xmas times, Gloves are needed and very much appreciated in the form of a gift.



Very special line of French Kid Gloves, showing all the newest light shades, neatly put up in Xmas Gift Boxes, at ..... \$1.50

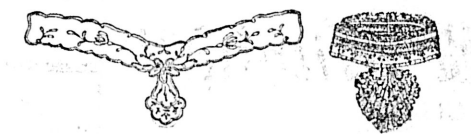
CHILDREN'S KID GLOVES, at 90c and ..... 75c

LADIES' LINED KID GLOVES, per pair ..... \$1.00

Dent's and Fowne's in pleasing variety, for street and evening wear, all conveniently priced.

### Dainty Neckwear

How about something in the way of neckwear? Our reputation in this particular department is phenomenal and so are the values offered. Here are just a few suggestions worthy of attention:



RUCHING BOXES, with 6 pieces of net, chiffon and fancy gold, per box ..... 25c

DUTCH COLLARS, white lawn and linen, \$1.00 to ..... 50c

WASH COLLARS, in lawn and linen, trimmed with lace bows and jabots, colored and white, \$1.50 to ..... 25c

ASCOTS, white and colored, 75c to ..... 50c

STOCKS, fancy chiffon and net, lace trimming, \$2.50 to ..... 75c

### Evening Dresses and Opera Cloaks



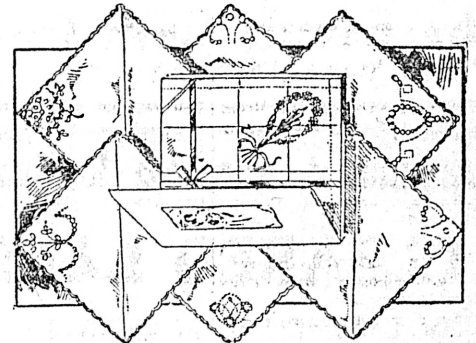
In this department, as in others, we seem to be broadening our reputation for exclusiveness. Restaurant, Opera Cloaks and Evening Dresses are necessary to the lady of refined taste. They are so much appreciated at the ball, dinner, theatre or reception. All the newest shades and trimmings and ornamentations are here shown. New fitting and show rooms makes prompt attention to all, easy.

Open This Evening

### Xmas 'Kerchiefs

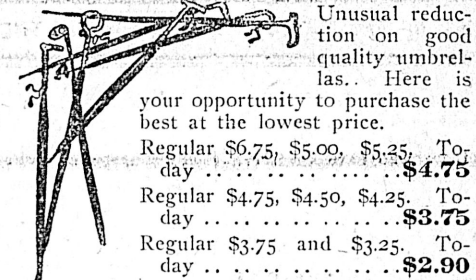
The wealth of handkerchiefs for ladies and children is shown here. Values have been closely scrutinised and your purchasing may be done with entire confidence in the qualities submitted.

Extremely wide range of prices.



AS A POPULAR GIFT possibly those in real lace lead. We have very special real lace handkerchiefs, at, each 75c, \$1.25, up to as high as ..... \$21.00  
Xmas Gift Boxes used for handkerchiefs.

### Umbrella Special



Unusual reduction on good quality umbrellas. Here is

your opportunity to purchase the best at the lowest price.

Regular \$6.75, \$5.00, \$5.25. To-day ..... \$4.75

Regular \$4.75, \$4.50, \$4.25. To-day ..... \$3.75

Regular \$3.75 and \$3.25. To-day ..... \$2.90

### Ostrich Feather Boas

A very attractive protection for the neck. Ask to see these. They come in Grays, Blacks, Natural, White and Black, and White.

THE LADIES' STORE

# ANGUS CAMPBELL & CO.,

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Our Premium Depot, 1304 Douglas Street, is brimful of Beautiful Xmas Gifts, and is a spot where selection is made easy.

# FREE

A splendid line of Dolls, Silverware, China, Crockery, Glassware, Books, Pictures, which are given away free in exchange for the coupons.

Bring your White Swan Washing Powder Coupons to our store and have them exchanged for presents.

### LARGE LAND SALES

Washington Farmers Buy Up Large Tract in C. P. R. Irrigation Block—Mr. Lane's Purchase.

CALGARY, Dec. 23.—Two of the largest land sales of the year in the Canadian Pacific Irrigation block, southern Alberta, were closed yesterday by the Canadian Pacific Irrigation and Colonization Company. The first was a sale of 14,000 acres to a syndicate of farmers from the state of Washington, who intend first thing in the spring putting an extensive plant, in the way of steam plows, at work breaking up large areas for wheat culture. These gentlemen are very optimistic regarding the future of land

valves in the Bow River valley, and speak of a large movement of people from their state to this valley, which they confidently look for next year. The second sale comprises an area of 12,000 acres south of Basano, in the central section of the irrigation block. The sale was made to George Lane, the well known stockman, who has been grazing some 12,000 cattle in that district and finds it necessary, owing to the rapidly extending settlement, to acquire land to enable him to carry on his ranching and farming operations. Mr. Lane is the gentleman who carried off all prizes at the Seattle exhibition with his Percheron horses.

### The Marriage Supper

Sweetly chimes the marriage bell. English sparrows say: "How nice. Here's a prospect, we can tell. Of another feed of rice."



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### INTERESTING FIGURES.

The figures given by Mr. G. H. Barnard, M.P., in his speech on the Budget have a direct bearing upon a question of very great importance to the people of Victoria just at this particular time. We need harbor improvements here on an extensive scale, and Mr. Barnard has shown conclusively that we can make out a very strong case for a large appropriation. While we invite special attention to his own way of stating the case, we think it advisable to summarize the points here. The verbatim report will be found elsewhere in today's issue. In ten years ending 1908 the sum of \$7,296,416 was expended on harbors in the eastern provinces, and only \$256,178 on a like service on the Pacific seaboard. We concede that there are more harbors in the East requiring attention and more people whose wants and wishes must be met; but the disproportion between the two sums is unreasonable. Like Mr. Barnard, we do not raise any objection to the amount expended in the East, assuming it to have been well spent on works really in the public interest. Our objection, like his, is that we have not received enough in the West.

Mr. Barnard points out that, including the sum in the Estimates before the parliament, St. John has received \$1,999,142. We do not suggest that this was not money well spent; we prefer to assume that it was, because it shows that Victoria can with good precedent urge upon the Finance Minister that a more liberal line shall be followed in respect to our harbor. We are to receive this year \$65,000. This is enough, we understand, to keep the present plant in operation for a year. But our point is that this policy is niggardly. We do not want to have to wait for a quarter of a century for harbor improvements that will be needed, next year.

The data in respect to the trade of British Columbian ports, presented by Mr. Barnard, must have been a surprise to those who gave them consideration. Sometimes when we speak of the large tonnage of shipping, resorting to our ports we are told that they are in part ships in transit to other points and in part the regular ferry services to United States ports. This is true to a certain extent; but a vessel that comes into the port of Victoria, if she goes out again in the course of the next hour, requires just as good accommodation in the way of depth of water and room to move round as if she waited here to discharge a cargo of merchandise.

We are exceedingly pleased that Mr. Barnard has brought this matter to the front in the way he has. He could not have done it on a more timely occasion. His data will be of great use to those who are about to urge that a large sum for the immediate improvement of the harbor on a larger scale than has been followed heretofore.

### THE BRITISH CONTEST.

There is a tradition that the British people are phlegmatic and that nothing can disturb the majestic claim of their demeanor. To many people on the western side of the Atlantic an Englishman is a fellow with an eye-glass and a drawl who on the Day of Judgment will look around him and say in an indifferent tone: "Bah Jove, this is somewhat unusual. What?" A story is told of an Englishman who was in San Francisco at the time of the earthquake, that is the earthquake par excellence. He was stopping at a hotel, and he said to a Victorian that he was awakened by the trembling of the building and got up and looked out of the window. He saw a lot of people running out into the streets, but he said it did not seem to be any of his business, and he went to bed again. Presently he was awakened by some one knocking at his door and shouting that the end of the world had come. "I got up, took my bath" he said, "and took my suit case and went to the street, where I found things a good deal mixed up." This story illustrates what many people on this Continent think of the Englishman. The performances of these good folk after making rather upset some of our preconceived ideas; but it takes a good deal to eradicate deep-rooted views, and so the Western World relapsed into its previous notion of the unemotional Briton.

We will all have to admit that, as the boy in the street says, "we have another think coming" for the way in which the election campaign is being conducted can hardly be described as unemotional. If that pugnaclous Welshman, Mr. Lloyd-George alone had indulged in pyrotechnics, or even if only Mr. Winston Churchill had shat-

tered the air with invective, we might not be very much surprised; but peers and commoners alike, every shade of politics between and including MY Lord Duke and Comrade Blank of the ultra-Socialists is represented in the great talk-fest now in progress and it is hard to say which has the better of the other, when it comes down to calling hard names or imputing unworthy motives. Compared with the present election the wildest contest we have ever had in this supposed wild and woolly West looks like a Quaker's meeting. All of which seems to show that underneath the veneer of indifference the average Englishman hides a lot of passion; and that he loves to fight as dearly as his fellow subjects across the Irish Channel are alleged.

### FIVE YEARS HENCE

In less than five years from today the Canadian Northern will be completed. In less than five years the Grand Trunk Pacific will be finished. In about five years the Panama Canal will be completed. How many people will there be in Alberta in five years hence? How many people will there be in Interior British Columbia? The importance of these interesting things and of those equally interesting questions lies in the fact that in five years from now the trade of the Pacific Coast of Canada will be revolutionized. Instead of having only one transcontinental line in the Dominion we will have three, and possibly a fourth, for the V. V. & E. with the proposed eastern connections may supply another. Instead of having to bring goods by water around the Horn or by way of Suez, we can get them promptly and cheaply by way of the Canal. Railway freights will then come tumbling. Mr. J. J. Hill realizes this and he is preparing the Great Northern so as to reduce all grades to a minimum and make all curves as easy as possible. The realization that freights must be reduced has led the Grand Trunk Pacific to seek to get as near a level grade as possible and the Canadian Northern to do the same thing. With cheaper freight rates the trade of the Coast will be revolutionized, for we can expect with good cause to supply a large part of the merchandise used on the Prairies. Thanks to the provision of the Canadian Northern contract, which secures service to Victoria as an integral part of the Canadian Northern's transcontinental service, our merchants will be able to enjoy a full share of the good time coming.

### DEFENDING CANADA

The reference herein is not to the defence of the Dominion with men or ships, but what can be done in that way with the pen. There are yet some people in the world who are unwilling to admit that Canada is as full of natural resources as she really is, and they write to the papers about it and try to take the conceit out of us. This is all very well, we suppose; and sometimes it is a blessing in disguise, for it causes some one to spring to the defence of the country's fair name with the result that what was intended to do an injury reacts into benefit. The following from the Lyttelton Times, of Christchurch, N. Z., illustrates this:

"The Canadians are nothing if not patriotic, and of course they have reason to be proud of their country. If the big dominion is attacked in print there are a dozen Canadians ready to defend it, and the London Journal that endeavored to disparage Canada's resources recently only gave the country an excellent advertisement. It was mildly suggested that, after all, Canada's resources did not compare very favorably with those of the United States. 'The principal natural resources in which Canada does really fall short,' retorted an indignant Canadian, 'are yellow fever, destructive tornadoes and earthquakes.' The coal beds of the dominion, this authority tells us, embrace in all an area of 100,000 square miles, an area nearly equal to the whole extent of the British Isles. The richest deposits of coal are along the coasts, both east and west, as if put there by a wise Providence to supply the immense fleets of great ships which will soon be necessary to carry Canada's vast output of corn and other natural products to the Old World and to Asia. It is estimated by experts that the Crow's Nest Pass in the Rockies are capable of yielding 400,000,000 tons each century for the next 5000 years. The province of Alberta is 750 miles long by 400 miles wide, and the entire province is underlaid with coal. Canada's timber area is three times that of the United States. She has the greatest nickel mines in the world, and her rich wheat-producing area is vastly greater than that of the United States. There is a great deal more to be said in this 'letter of protest.' Canada has a land area of 3,619,818 square miles, and a water area, exclusive of the territorial seas, and the St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes, of 125,756 square miles. Including Alaska and Hawaii, the total land and water area of the United States is 3,567,563 square miles. Canada, of course, has a big belt of territory that is not likely to be settled for a century to come, but in comparison with the neighbors it is worth remembering that the United States had a start of a century in the race of development."

### HEALTH IN SCHOOLS

A great deal of attention is being given in many parts of the world to the medical inspection of school children. It has been ascertained that very much of what is thought to be dullness, and inattention on the part of pupils is the result of ill-health. We find a very excellent article on this subject in the St. John Sun, from which we take the following extract:

Our cities are taking up this problem with vigor and intelligence. But much will have to be done before we even reach the ground that has long been passed over by many European cities. As usual Germany leads. She is first and the rest almost nowhere. In several German cities the medical inspection is so thorough that, beginning with a child's entrance into the public schools, a record is kept of its physical condition up to the time of

leaving. Parents are advised as to diet and other matters of home care. Children suffering from cardiac weakness, for example, are not permitted to join in violent games; teachers are urged to protect them from agitation, they are excluded from the usual physical exercise of the school and parents are warned of the danger to which they would be exposed by violent exercise or undue agitation. Children showing signs of pre-disposition to tuberculosis are specially watched and school sanatoria are maintained in many cases for their benefit.

Defective teeth are responsible for a great deal of pain among children of all classes but especially among the poor. They are the cause of serious digestive troubles which handicap the children during their school life. Strasburg, Germany, has established dental clinics in which the children are treated free of cost to themselves, teeth filled, cleaned, extracted as they may require. Strasburg has carried this work further than any other city. In Norway and Sweden the children are regularly examined and those needing it are provided with medicine and tonics free of charge. In Brussels the children are regularly examined once in ten days as to their eyes, ears, teeth, and general physical condition. Physical defects, experts assure us, are the real trouble in most cases which we inaccurately call stupidity, inattention, indifference to study, silliness, truancy and "general cussedness." What the child who fails to keep up, who drops out, and takes to the street and to crime—what he often needs by way of punishment is not extra tasks, the lurch, or the industrial home, but glasses to correct astigmatism, the removal of adenoids, or the service of a dentist.

We are quite in sympathy with the Sun when it says that the cost of carrying out such a system is a secondary consideration. The good that must result to the community at large will far outweigh any expense that might be incurred. The treatment of children is a new art. We are learning that many things can be explained on the ground of physical condition that were formerly attributed to mental weaknesses or moral perversion. We are learning that prevention is not only better than cure, but infinitely easier; and that the proverb that as the twig is bent the tree is inclined applies to the human mind and body quite as well as to such minor matters as tastes and habits.

It looks as though we may have something like a navy after all.

Whatever else comes out of the British political crisis, the House of Lords will never be quite the same again.

The St. John Presbytery declined to pass a resolution in opposition to the establishment of a Canadian navy. It would be an extraordinary thing if it had passed such a resolution.

The Daily Graphic, a strong Conservative paper, does not like the outlook. It complains of a lack of speaking ability and political tact among the leaders of the party. If a Canadian paper should say this, all manner of things would be charged against it by some people.

Mr. Balfour is unfortunate in being practically out of the campaign for the present at least. He may not wholly regret it, for things have got into such a shape that he would hardly know which way to turn. Mr. Balfour is not an extremist and this is a campaign of extremes.

Surely a great genius in fiction is wasting his sweetness on the desert air, when he is engaged in writing for the Hamilton Times such things as that the Colonist's statement that Mr. McBride has his work cut out for him in British Columbia is a reflection upon Mr. R. L. Borden.

The Colonist acknowledges the season's greeting from Lt.-Col. Currie and the officers of the gallant Fifth, and hopes that they may have many happy returns of this festive season and be able on each occasion to congratulate themselves and their men up on as good a showing as they have made this year in the practical work of soldering.

There were many expressions of pleasure yesterday when the Douglas street and Outer Wharf cars and the Beacon Hill and Spring Ridge cars resumed their regular runs, which had been so greatly interfered with by the work on the Causeway. There has been a much-needed improvement in the Esquimalt and Gorge service, which was handicapped by the work in progress on Government street.

The Colonist's "shop early" campaign has produced excellent results. Many people have shopped early and often. The result is that the day before Christmas dawns with the major part of the holiday purchases made, and although there will doubtless be a considerable rush in the last hours, the great stress has been taken off purchasers and sellers. The result has been highly satisfactory to all concerned.

It is stated that in some instances the prices for real estate given out to the public have been in excess of what has actually been paid. If this is true, we hope in future it will be avoided, for such misstatements spoil the ready market. We have only heard of one or two instances in which the prices quoted to the public have been in excess of the real amount, and in neither case was the difference very important; but it is better always to give the real figures or else quote no figures at all.

Man is never satisfied. If he forgets the combination of his safe he kicks because the thing is burglar-proof.

His Mistake  
"If I were young and beautiful,"  
The pretty maiden said,  
"I'd never think of marrying."  
And then she dropped her head.  
But Reggie, poor unhappy boy,  
Proposed to her at once.  
—Then went outside and kicked himself  
For being such a dunce.

## MAKE THE MOST OF THIS LAST DAY FOR BUYING

JUST today left for the Christmas buying—start this minute to make your final purchases. The earlier you shop the better for yourself and us, and though we shall be open until late tonight we advise that you come in this morning.

Yesterday was a big day in our China Store and dozens of lonely pieces testify to the big run on many assortments. These have been placed on the special value counters to clear today. Don't miss these counters—10c, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c—values to double that amount are to be found on them. It'll pay you to come here first.

### LADIES SHOULD USE OUR REST ROOM TODAY

Ladies—when you are tired from the rush and worry of shopping, come in and rest in our rest room on the second floor. You are welcome to make free use of this convenience whether a shopper at this store or not. Comfortably furnished with easy chairs, dressing-room, etc. Yours—so use it.

### Big Show of Brass Goods

BRASS GOODS—A magnificent collection of brass goods this season—and such brass as this makes splendid gifts. Don't miss seeing these today.  
POLISHED BRASS VASES, from 25¢  
HAMMERED BRASS FINGER BOWLS .....75¢  
HAMMERED BRASS JARDINIERES .....\$1.50  
MAHARADBAD COBRA CANDLE-STICKS—quaint and artistic, at from, each .....\$1.25  
BENARES BRASS TRAYS, for tea table use. Very handsome. Each at .....\$14.00

### Ladies' Companions, \$3.00

These useful articles are rightly popular as gifts. The outfit consists of scissors, thimble, knife, bodkin, stiletto, etc. These are in a lined linen case of attractive appearance. From the famous Joseph Rodgers & Sons' factory. Set \$3.00

Sets of Scissors in leather cases—same make. Three pairs in case at .....\$3.50

### Dinner Gongs, at \$6.00

This \$6.00 Gong is of very stylish design. Finely polished oak frame—silver-mounted with silver plated gong. Priced at, each .....\$6.00

### Chafing Dishes, from \$7.50

What better than a Chafing Dish for a homekeeper or some young lady? Hundreds of dainty dishes easily and quickly prepared—after-theatre suppers, etc. Nickel-plated. At, from .....\$7.50

### Meteor Coffee Percolators, \$10.00

These make a most delightful coffee—clear as wine. A grand gift for a drinker of coffee. We have them in nickel-plated, brass and copper. Prices start at .....\$10.00

### Art Electric Portable Lamps

We show some very handsome Art Mission Electric Portable Lamps. These lamps are great values at the prices marked. We have them from .....\$6.50

### Mothers Would Like These:

Cotton Comforters, from .....\$1.00  
Down Quilts, from .....\$5.50  
Hearth Rugs, from .....\$1.25  
Carpet Sweepers, from .....\$3.25  
Art Table Covers .....50¢  
Bed Spreads, from .....\$1.25  
Tea Cloths, from .....\$1.00

Sideboard Scarfs .....75¢  
Lace Curtains, pair .....75¢  
Couch Covers .....\$3.75  
Dining Table Covers.....\$2.50  
Cushion Tops .....50¢  
Linen Table Cloths .....\$2.00  
Linen Napkins, dozen .....\$1.00  
Reed Chairs .....\$3.50

Wicker Work Basket .....\$1.00  
Hassocks, fr. \$1.50  
Bedroom Rockers, at .....\$1.00  
Morris Chairs, at .....\$9.00

China Cabinets at .....\$20.00  
Parlor Tables .....\$3.25

Tea Sets—40 pieces, at .....\$10.00  
Carving Sets—3 pieces, at .....\$3.00

Camphor Wood Trunks, moth proof, for woollens and furs, at .....\$7.50  
Mexican Drawn Linen.....75¢

Plant Stands—Weiler made—strong, suitable for heavy plants .....\$3.50  
Cake Curates .....\$2.50  
Dinner Gongs .....\$6.00  
Electric Lamps .....\$6.50

### China Chocolate Sets, \$2

A Chocolate Set makes an ideal gift for a homekeeper. We have a broad showing of chocolate sets this year, and with unusual style, offer unusual values. A big choice of charming decorations. We have them as low as \$2.00—for a set consisting of chocolate jug and four cups and saucers.

Some handsome sets of Chocolate Jug and Six Cups and Saucers from, per set, \$4.50.....

Decorative Plates for the plate rail make acceptable gifts. Most every home has a plate rail nowadays. Big choice shown here.



### For the Home

AS THE foremost home-furnishers in Western Canada, we are particularly well equipped to supply you with practical gifts best suited for the home. It is impossible to list the many offerings in this space so we advise that you make a visit of inspection this morning and choose the gift from the greatest collection ever presented Victorians.

We have special delivery facilities and can promise you delivery today.

Choose from hundreds of suitable furniture pieces, thousands of china offerings, the magnificent collection of furnishings to be found in the carpet and drapery departments, or from the finest showing of silverware for home use ever shown in the city.

The values are unbeatable.

### Three-Piece China Tea Sets, \$1

FOR THIS FIGURE and also at \$1.25 per set, we show many dainty sets. The china is of excellent quality and the decorations are very artistic and attractive. Few gift things at the price equal these. Set consists of teapot, sugar and cream. Priced at \$1.25 and .....\$1.00

### Dinner Sets from \$7.50 to \$230

SEND HOME a Dinner Set today and delight the heart of your wife and your guests. Price needn't prevent you, for we make that matter easy. And the choosing is easy too—from this magnificent collection of beautiful patterns. Come in and see what we can offer from, per set, \$230.00 down to .....\$7.50

### Salad Bowls, from \$7.00

A very popular style for the salad bowl. These are attractively silver mounted. Linings of porcelain. Oak highly polished. Complete with servers. Priced at from \$15.00 to .....\$7.00

### Oak Butter Dishes, \$3.00

In these we have some splendid examples. Such ware has been popular for this use. You'll have to step lively to get one. Prices are easy. We have them at \$3.50 and .....\$3.00

### Liquor Frames at \$7.50

Many attractive styles in liquor frames. These frames have 3 bottles and the frame is so constructed that a lock securely protects the contents. Priced from \$18.50 to .....\$7.50

### Biscuit Barrels, \$3.50

In Biscuit Barrels we show some very attractive pieces and the price range permits much choice. Stylish designs and finely finished. These are priced from \$6.00 to .....\$3.50

### Silver Mounted Oak Trays \$3.25

MOST EVERY WOMAN—Homekeeper—has use for one of the stylish oak tea trays and we know of nothing more certain of a hearty reception. These prices make the choosing easy, \$6.00 down to .....\$3.25

### Silver Fern Pots, \$2.50

NO OTHER STORE IN THE CITY can show such a wonderful choice of silver fern pots and none can show better values than are offered in our re-arranged silver department. Here is a gift that would be appreciated by any homekeeper—stylish gift that would grace any home. And the prices will surprise you in their fairness. Come in and see the offerings at \$12.50 down to .....\$2.50

### Napkin Rings, \$1

SOME OF THE NICEST and newest designs in Napkins—heavily silver plated—we have yet offered and at remarkably low prices. These are styles that will please you and make ideal Christmas gifts. Special value at, each .....\$1.00

### Silver Mugs for Children

WE SHOW some very attractive Silver Mugs that would delight the heart of a youngster, and the prices are so little that your purse will find it easy to let you have the pleasure of bringing such joy to some little one. Visit the Silver Shop and see what we can offer you at \$1.75, \$1.50 and \$1.00

## Are you puzzled what to give?



## Give Silverware

There is no gift that is so acceptable and lasts so long as good silverware.

That's the kind we sell.

We guarantee every piece.

We would like to show you some of our newest designs in tea sets, berry dishes, salad bowls, sugar bowls, cake plates, baking dishes, etc.

CITY'S BEST VALUES

### Wedgwood Salad Sets, at \$4.00

A gift suggestion worth investigating. Some very attractive Salad Sets from this famous pottery, 14-piece set—bowl, platter and 12 plates—from, per set .....\$4.00

### Wedgwood Broth Sets, at \$3.50

These Broth or Beef Tea Sets would make a splendid gift for some invalid friend. From the Wedgwood pottery. Consists of salt, pepper, covered bowl, plate and tray. Per set .....\$3.50

### China Pudding Bowls, \$5.00

We have some very handsome China Pudding Bowls in the Dresden and Saxe decorations. Prices start at .....\$5.00

### Embroidered Pillow Slips

A pair of these dainty Mt. Mellick Hand-embroidered Linen Pillow Slips would make an acceptable gift to some homekeeper or some prospective keeper of a home. Very fine. Per pair .....\$9.00

Embroidered Top Sheets of same quality at, each .....\$5.00

### Down Comforts for Babies, \$2.50

Give the baby one of these Down Comforts—send it to the mother and she'll bless you. Famous McLintock make—none better. Handsomely covered .....\$2.50

FIVE FLOORS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS  
**WEILERS**  
THE MECCA FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPERS



**FOR MAYOR**

To the Electors of the City of Victoria

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce that I am a candidate for Mayor at the approaching election. After having served as Alderman for three years I now respectfully solicit your vote and influence for the more important position, and promise to do my utmost for the progress and betterment of our city. My views have already been published, and will be more fully explained from the platform. My principal objects are:

The securing of Sooke as a water supply.

The introduction of more efficient management of the public works department.

The stricter guarding of public morals.

A systematic improvement in making and beautifying our streets and parks.

A. HENDERSON.



### Boys' Best English Football Boots

Special price for the Holiday. Sizes 1 to 5. Price

## \$2.50

Per Pair

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THE SHOEMAN  
1008 GOVERNMENT ST.  
(Next to Campbell's)  
Phone L1953.

Lever's Y-2 (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other powders, as it is both soap and disinfectant.

## PLEADS FOR RETURN OF BRIDE

Robt. E. Cravens, Arrested Here After Marriage, Before Seattle Court

Robert E. Cravens, the 18-year-old husband, who was taken from Victoria back to Seattle within a few hours of his wedding in Victoria, and who was obliged to swear out a writ of habeas corpus to recover his 15-year-old wife, Florence, from her mother, Mrs. Bertha Simpson, was not allowed to hold a joyful reunion with his bride yesterday, at the conclusion of the hearing before Judge Mitchell Gilliam at Seattle as he anticipated. The court listened to the evidence, and took the case under advisement until today. In the meantime the bride was removed from the custody of her mother, by whom she had been sequestered, and placed in the charge of Mrs. S. P. Payesse, a neighbor.

The bride was taken from her husband immediately after the couple returned from Victoria, B. C., where they were married. The bride lives with her mother, Mrs. Bertha Simpson, near Fortieth street and Latona avenue. The young husband lives at 3001 Second avenue northeast, near by. Yesterday he said he had seen his bride only once since their return.

"I saw her from my home, at the window, and waved to her," Cravens told the court. "And she waved back at me."

### Advised Year of Waiting.

Mrs. Simpson told the court that she had advised her daughter to wait a year or more before marriage, and that she had married without her consent. When the couple returned from their runaway trip to Victoria, she said she took charge of the girl and kept her in the house. Subsequently she caused the young husband to be charged with abduction, and he was released on \$1,000 bail. The bride told the court that she was willing to begin the serious duties of domestic life, and wanted to rejoin her husband.

Robert Cravens told the court that he is 18 years old, and had been earning \$2.50 a day by operating an electric hoist for his father, who is a contractor. He had been calling upon Miss Florence for eighteen months, and on December 13 she threw her hat out of the window of her home, and stole away to Tacoma with him. At Tacoma the bride borrowed a street costume from a friend and they came back to Seattle, and on December 15 went to Victoria and were married, giving her age as 22 and his as 23. At Victoria several pleasing souvenir cards were mailed home, notifying the families of the wedding. Hoping for parental forgiveness the pair returned home, and the girl was instantly nabbed by the mother of the bride, who has retained her safely in the family home since then.

### Could Provide for Her.

"I have \$30 in cash and a good job at \$2.50 a day driving a team," the husband told Judge Gilliam. "I am

sure I can provide for my wife and give her a good home."

Oliver Cravens, a brother, told the court that Robert was a steady boy, and had no bad habits.

"I will give him steady work," he said, "at \$2.50 a day any time, and I know his father and mother will always extend the privilege of a good home to the couple."

Judge Gilliam asked the young husband what he had with which to begin housekeeping.

"I have rented a room at my brother's place," said Robert, "and I have \$30 in cash. I think I'll do to start on."

The father of the bride testified that he had not consented to the marriage, and that he objected because he understood the young man was rather wild.

### Cleared Up.

Bewilderment was written in the face of the richly gowned lady that hurried into the elderly physician's office.

"Doctor Swallow," said she, "this morning I received your bill for ten dollars, and I can't understand it. Some time ago I settled our account and have had no occasion to consult you professionally since."

"Did I not call at your house one day since that?"

"Only as my guest at dinner, doctor! That was four weeks ago."

An apprehensive shade overspread the dignified physician's countenance, as he quickly withdrew his notebook from his pocket and rapidly fingered over the leaves.

"Here it is," said he, stopping at a certain page. "Dinner at Mrs. Penelope's. Uneventful. Eked out the hour by giving hostess my opinions on the digestibility of mustard pickles, scalloped oysters, and plum cake," and added the physician, "without thinking, I annexed the amount of the bill which you have received. Madame, it should have been twenty-five."—Life.

## CULMINATION IS TONIGHT

Postal Clerks' Final Battle With Christmas Mails a Severe One

Santa Claus—that is the British Santa Claus may be late. Tonight the largest post mail ever received at the Victoria post office is expected and although the heavily-burdened post-office staff will endeavor to distribute the parcels many may not reach their addresses until after the holiday. On Wednesday night 984 parcels were received and more yesterday, but it is tonight that the banner load comes. There will be probably a great many more parcels among the letters and newspaper mail, paid at letter rates, and not enumerated in the bills received by the postal staff. The receipt of registered letters from the east is also large. On Wednesday 498 were received and yesterday there were 509.

Christmas is not as merry a time for the tired postoffice employee as for most people. Tonight his labors will be prolonged. He will work all night and Christmas morning may see him still at work; in fact he will work until exhausted in order to facilitate the delivery of the Christmas mail for those who await presents.

In the postoffice there is table after table, laden with parcels and as a few are distributed, more are piled up. The labors of the postoffice man seem like those of Sisyphus. Eight or nine extra men have been secured, but many more could be employed. Tomorrow morning five rigs will be used to facilitate the delivery of the parcels.

The R.M.S. Empress of India which reached port last night from the Orient brought the Christmas mails from the far east, and a big mail it was. The liner landed 550 bags at the outer wharf.

The large number of parcels have to pass through the hands of the customs officials, to be marked and passed before they can be delivered, and with the coming of such a record number tonight, just before Christmas, the postoffice staff will have hard work in delivering them. Every effort will be made, though, to facilitate the delivery and many extra hours will be put in by the workers as a result.

The Santa Claus letters are dwindling, none having been received during the past two days. A prosaic postal clerk forward to the missives addressed to old Kris Kringle to the dead letter office. Many of the letters to Santa Claus are extremely interesting, not a few young writers incidentally seeking news regarding the North ole discoverers. Santa Claus has a record mail every year and doubtless the small correspondents are picturing to themselves the scene in King Santa Claus' study. Naturally the letters would be too numerous to be read in the breakfast-room, and even the king would not be allowed to make a little in the drawing-room. So it must be in the study. There at his roll-top desk, sits the aged but genial monarch at his task. Fairy pages in buttons bring in basket after basket heaped up with correspondence, and the king almost wonders if they will never stop. He has had to take off his huge red coat with the white fur on the cuffs and collar, so warm have his exertions made him, and this is flung over the back of a chair. Rapidly he opens one letter after another, and quickly but carefully reads their contents. Most of the letters are short, but he does not judge them unfavorably on that account. Nay, a laboriously written little manuscript of three lines, with the letters crookedly but conscientiously formed, from some tiny little boy or girl of five or so, invariably brings what looks like a tear of sympathy into the kindly king's eye—for he is a tender-hearted old chap, as every one knows.

Santa Claus will have attended to these all, though before he starts on his rounds tonight.

### Band on Douglas Street.

This evening admiring crowds will listen to the Victoria City band which will discourse sweet music on Douglas street. Music hath charms and Douglas street has charms and the society of merchants of the latter thoroughfare believe that the two combined will prove irresistible. For two hours the band will play along Douglas street according to the announcement. "The man that hath not music in his soul," well according to the Douglas street people he doesn't count for much in Victoria and his custom isn't worth cultivating.



## USEFUL XMAS GIFTS FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

### HANDKERCHIEFS

CHILDREN'S PICTORIAL HANDKERCHIEFS, 5c or dozen ..... **50c**

CHILDREN'S HANDKERCHIEFS, in fancy boxes, per box ..... **20c**

LADIES' FANCY BORDER HANDKERCHIEFS, 2 for ..... **25c**

LADIES' PURE LINEN HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS, 3 for ..... **25c**

LADIES' PURE LINEN HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS, each 35c, 25c, 20c and ..... **12 1-2c**

LADIES' PURE LINEN EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, \$1.00, 85c, 75c, 65c, 50c, 40c and ..... **25c**

LADIES' SWISS EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, each 20c to ..... **75c**

LADIES' INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS, each ..... **10c**

LADIES' PURE LINEN INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS, each 35c and ..... **20c**

LADIES' MALTESE LACE HANDKERCHIEFS, each \$1.40 to ..... **\$3.00**

GENT'S PURE LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, hemstitched, 50c and ..... **25c**

GENT'S SILK AND LINEN INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS, each ..... **50c**

### GLOVES

DENT'S GLOVES for Children in Tans, per pair 90c, **\$1.00**

DENT'S GLOVES for Ladies, tans only per pair, **\$1.00**

DENT'S GLOVES, for Ladies, all shades, per pair, **\$1.25**

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IRISH LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, 25c, 35c ..... **50c**

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FANCY SUSPENDERS in boxes, 75c to ..... **\$2.00**

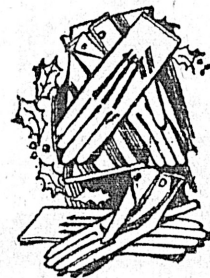
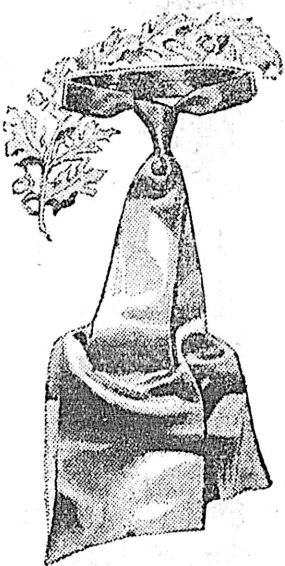
SWEATER VESTS, guaranteed all wool, \$2.00 to ..... **\$3.75**

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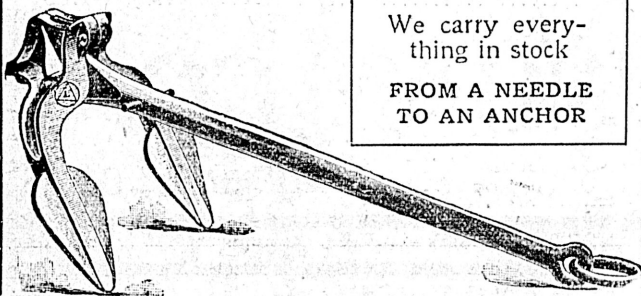
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## NEWS OF THE CITY

### New School Districts

Yesterday's issue of the B. C. Gazette contains formal notice of the creation of a new assisted school district at Oyama, the boundaries of which are specifically defined. The Gazette also defines the new limits of Mirror Lake assisted school district.

### Provincial Offices Closed

Following the precedent of other years when statutory holidays have fallen, as do Christmas and New Year, on Saturdays, the Provincial government offices will be closed today and this day week, the members of the civil service making holiday.

### Returns Very Slow

Although it is now a month since the provincial elections were held, as yet only twenty returning officers out of 34 have made their returns to the Provincial Secretary. Telegrams were yesterday sent the delinquent officers, and it is hoped to have the complete returns in hand by the end of the year.

### Consolidated Leases

Notice is given in the current issue of the Gazette by Wilson & Bloomfield, of the intention of clients to apply for a special act at the coming session of the House, consolidating a valuable dredging leases on Willow creek, an auriferous affluent of the Fraser River.

### Dominion Orders-in-Council

Two federal orders-in-council are published in yesterday's issue of the British Columbia Gazette. The former of these noting the authorization granted to the Burrard Power Co., Ltd., for their erection of a dam at the lower end of Lillooet lake. The other notes the reservation for the benefit of the City of New Westminster of a certain tract of land at and surrounding Coquitlam lake.

### Is Now "First Baptist Church"

In compliance with a request from the congregation of what has formerly been known as Calvary Baptist church of this city, an order-in-council was passed by the Provincial Executive yesterday authorizing the change of the corporate name of this congregation, under the Benevolent Societies Act, to the First Baptist Church of Victoria. The church will hereafter be known by its new name.

### Deputy Registrars Named

At a short special session of the Provincial Executive, the appointments were decided upon Wednesday evening of Nathaniel A. Morrison of Ladysmith as Deputy Registrar of the County of Nanaimo; and Frederick Mummery, of Trout Lake, as Deputy Registrar of the County of Kootenay. Among the newly accredited notaries public for the province are H. W. Wightman, J. A. Murray, A. W. Goodrich, W. H. MacInnes, H. T. Harries and Jason L. Walworth of Vancouver, and Jack Loutet of North Vancouver.

### Causeway Again in Use

The long-continued weariness and vexation of spirit in consequence of the re-laying of the tramway tracks on the Causeway and the paving of that fine section of Government street is at an end at last, the cars resuming regular service by use of the double track yesterday. During the past few weeks, the service on the Spring Ridge and Outer Wharf lines has been much interfered with, and Superintendent Gibson is congratulating himself that the long waits at Pandora and Douglas streets have been terminated before the heaviest traffic of the Christmas season.

### Those Christmas Spirit Stamps

As the Christmas spirit animates a greater and greater section of the community, and Christmas itself draws near and nearer, the sale of the Anti-tuberculosis Society's "double cross" stamps is mounting, and the results will mean quite an appreciable addition to the Society's working fund—a fund to be expended in the cause of suffering humanity that science can save if given but a fair chance. The stamps cost but one cent each—and every little helps. Stick this stamp with message bright on every Christmas letter; help the tuberculosis fight and make the New Year better.

### To Confirm Incorporation

Notice has been given by Barnard & Robertson, acting as solicitors for the Prince Rupert Power & Light Co., of the intention of that business association to seek a private act at the coming session of the House confirming the incorporation and powers already conferred. The legislation sought, it is also intended, shall contain a declaration vesting in the company all water records heretofore obtained or held by the company; and confirming and ratifying all orders-in-council heretofore passed in connection with the company; and conferring on the company the right to store water, and to construct and operate waterworks, and to supply water for domestic and industrial purposes to municipalities and others.

### No Early Redistribution

In connection with the recent expression of opinion by Mr. William Manson, member-elect for Skeena, that in view of the rapid increase and wide distribution of population in the Skeena district the creation of Prince Rupert City and Skeena district into three or perhaps four constituencies at the approaching session was very probable, it may be stated on the authority that there is little likelihood of any redistribution measure being considered during the forthcoming session. Only exceptional development would necessitate such action. With the rapid expansion of the New North and the Island, as an expected result of railway construction, redistribution in the direction of greater equity, will probably be necessary before the expiry of the natural life of the just-elected parliament, but such a rearrangement of districts is not a necessity of the immediate future.

### Many New Companies

Another long list of newly incorporated companies is contained in yesterday's issue of the official Gazette. These latest additions to British Columbia's limited liability corporations including the B. C. Lumber Manufacturers' Agency, Ltd., Bitter Creek Mining Co. Ltd., Carmichael & Moorhead Ltd., Decker Lake Land Co., Ltd., East & West Lumber Co., Ltd., Fraser River Sand & Gravel Co., Ltd., Graham Island Land Improvement Co., Ltd., J. Z. Hall & Co., Ltd., Maple Leaf Lodge, K. of P., Mushroom & Produce Co., Ltd., Port Alberni Steamship Co., Ltd., Port Alberni Contract Co., Ltd., Sidney Mfg. Co., Ltd., and United Service Club, Ltd. Licenses have also been issued to these extra-provincial concerns: The British Canadian Securities, Ltd., Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Henry Disston & Sons, Ltd., and the Ogilvie Flour Mills Co.

## THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 23, 1909:  
SYNOPSIS.

The high pressure remains in nearly the same position as yesterday, central over the North Pacific states, but a low pressure is developing on the northern coast of British Columbia and has caused rainfall at Port Simpson and Tashish. Temperatures are nearly normal on the coast but remain low over the region of the Rockies and in the Prairie provinces.

### TEMPERATURE.

|                     | Min. | Max. |
|---------------------|------|------|
| Victoria            | 29   | 36   |
| Vancouver           | 24   | 31   |
| New Westminster     | 22   | 29   |
| Kamloops            | 10   | 13   |
| Barkerville         | 20   | 12   |
| Port Simpson        | 28   | 34   |
| Atlin               | 20   | 22   |
| Dawson, Y. T.       | 6    | 8    |
| Edmonton, Alta.     | 8    | 20   |
| Winnipeg, Man.      | 2    | 11   |
| Portland, Ore.      | 26   | 31   |
| San Francisco, Cal. | 40   | 52   |

### FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Friday:  
Victoria and vicinity: Light to moderate northerly and easterly winds, chiefly cloudy with rain today or Saturday and not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light to moderate easterly winds, chiefly cloudy with sleet or rain today or Saturday.

### THURSDAY.

|          | Highest | Lowest | Mean |
|----------|---------|--------|------|
| Victoria | 36      | 29     | 32   |

### Will Erect Dwellings

Building permits were issued yesterday by the building inspector to H. J. Saunders for a dwelling to be erected on Queen's avenue to cost \$1,700 and to James Attkin for a dwelling on Niagara street to cost \$1,700.

### One Train Christmas

The regular double schedule will be in force on the E. & N. railway today, trains leaving at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., but tomorrow only one train will leave the city and that at 9 a. m.

### To Hold Annual Meeting

Letters have been forwarded to all the auxiliary branches by the Vancouver Island Development League asking each to signify its preference of a place for the holding of the annual meeting of the league to take place in the early part of the coming year.

### Enters Aldermanic Field

School Trustee Captain McIntosh will retire from the board at the end of the year and enter the aldermanic field as a candidate in ward two. A large number of his friends have prevailed on him to offer himself as a candidate and while at first he decided not to do so he has finally consented to run.

### Band Makes Appeal.

The members of the Salvation Army Band are taking advantage of the holiday season to call on some of their numerous friends for voluntary donations towards their new set of silver-plated instruments, the second consignment of which came a few days ago. At this time last year several substantial checks were sent in privately, which added to the smaller collections made on the streets enabled the band to forward the necessary deposit for the order to be completed. The set of twenty-one instruments have been procured at a cost of \$1,500 of which sum \$1,000 has already been raised. It is announced that Commissioner Combs will make the presentation of the full set to the band on the occasion of his visit to Victoria about January 24.

### Development League Work

The Vancouver Island Development League has forwarded 700 copies of the settlers guide to the Island to the Hon. J. H. Turner, British Columbia's Agent General, in London, and these will be distributed through his office to the best advantage. A new feature in connection with the work of the league is the fact that a number of island people are sending in the names of people whom they know both in Eastern Canada and in the Old Country, and asking that literature dealing with the island's resources be forwarded to the addresses which they enclose in their communications. The league is anxious to secure such addresses.



## We Want You to Be Happy

By making somebody else happy. Come in and let us tell you about that plan of ours to give some relative or friend a pair of becoming useful Glasses as an Xmas surprise.

### By Giving Glasses for an Xmas Gift

You show your disposition to have your friends see the world at its best. Yes, we have other Xmas Presents such as

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## Useful Xmas Gifts

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HAND BAGS—A splendid range to select from in the latest shapes from each 40c to .....\$4.50  
KID GLOVES—Fownes' Real French Gloves, at per pr. \$1.25  
UMBRELLAS—from each \$1.00 to .....\$5.00  
FURS—Special value in Ladies' and Children's furs at the most reasonable prices.  
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SOUP  
Ox Tail, English Style  
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FISH  
Boiled Spring Salmon, Egg Sauce  
ENTREES  
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Rum Omelette  
ROASTS  
Island Turkey Stuffed,  
Cranberry Jelly  
Young Goose with Dressing  
Suckling Pig, Apple Sauce  
Christmas Roast Beef,  
Horseradish  
Chicken with Dressing  
SALAD  
Combination  
DESSERT  
Christmas Plum Pudding,  
Brandy and Hard Sauce  
Pumpkin Pie Apple Pie  
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Mixed Fruit, Nuts and Raisins  
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## TREAT YOURSELF TO A

## Big B Cigar FOR CHRISTMAS

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## Special Mention on Page Five

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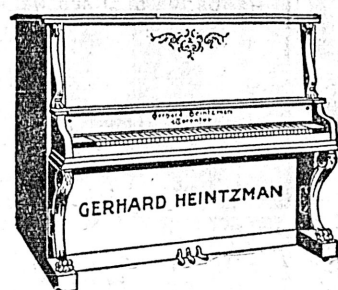
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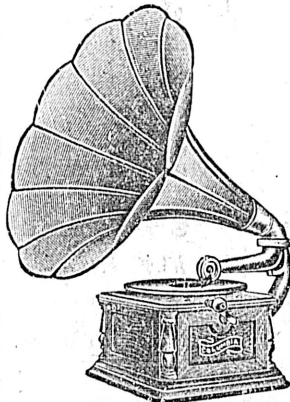
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## VANCOUVER SEEKS CHARTER CHANGES

Outline of Amendments to Be Sought at Approaching Session of the Legislature

So long as Vancouver city remains under the special charter granted it and for the city's incorporation, so long will amendments to that charter be made. The city council has decided to request the legislature to make amendments to the special charter legislation to occupy a considerable portion of the time of British Columbia legislators whenever they assemble for the despatch of business.

No session would be complete without its crop of amendments, and its small contingent of fatherly officials assembled at the Capital to protect the infants in their passage toward inclusion in the statute. The session which is to open on the 20th proximo of course produces its budget, notice of which already is appearing in the Provincial Gazette.

Possibly the most important request from a public standpoint and one which will probably arouse considerable discussion in the private bills committee of the legislature is that covering a request for a charter amendment "to enable the city to construct its own telephone system."

Another matter covered by the notice affecting the telephone company as well as the B. C. Electric Railway Company and all other companies having wires strung or laid through the city streets asks the right of the city "to appoint an inspector of all wires in the city." This request is taken along the lines of the verdict of a coroner's jury recently inquiring into the death of Chas. Pearce near Glenora Lodge in which it was recommended that to prevent the recurrence of similar accidents in the future all overhead wiring in the city should be inspected.

### Abolition of Salary Limit.

The absolute repeal of Section 9 of the amendments enacted in 1907 is requested, this clause covering the limitation of the Vancouver council's powers to grant a greater salary than \$5,000 per year to any civic official, also providing for a two-thirds vote of the council to make valid any salary increase. No intimation is given in the notice as to whether a new salary limit is to be set or whether the matter shall be left to the judgment of the council.

No mention is made in the notice of any amendment providing for the increase of the aldermanic salaries above the limit of \$400 per year as now fixed. Another section of the charter which the legislature is asked to repeal is No. 21b. This provides that "every such public street, road, square, lane, bridge and highway shall be kept in repair by the corporation." It is stated that the repeal of this clause is desired in order to place the city in the same position as that now occupied by other cities of the province rather than by covering it with the specific clause.

A clause which meets the conditions of old buildings which are dangerous to public safety or health, where the owners object to the demolition of the structures, provides for the simplifying of the procedure whereby the civic authorities may proceed to destroy the buildings.

### Regulate Location of Laundries.

The question of the location of laundries and livery stables is mentioned in the notice, the council requesting power to enact by-laws defining areas within which buildings used for such purposes may be established, constructed or maintained.

A number of the clauses have been inserted in the list of charter amendments at the request of the health authorities, these being as follows: to provide for proper sanitary arrangements with respect to restaurants; for licensing, regulating and prohibiting lodging houses and defining the same; for compelling owners of public buildings, whether already constructed or to be constructed, to provide adequate sanitary conveniences; for regulating and governing the installation of and maintenance of plumbing in any building; for regulating and preventing keeping of live poultry in the city (especially aimed at the practice of Orientals in the Chinese quarters); for regulating and preventing the division of buildings already constructed or to be constructed into separate flats or rooms (aimed at the cabin type of buildings).

Along the line of better licensing powers of the city it is asked that the authorities be permitted to refuse an application for a license for any purpose without giving stated reason for the action. The power to limit the term of the license year and to provide that no reduction shall be made in the license fee for any proportion of the year is also requested.

### Stricter Enforcement of By-laws.

To enable the stricter enforcement of the civic by-laws the legislature is asked to give the power for the arrest of persons found violating the city regulations and persisting in such violation. This clause is designed to make the action of the police more drastic than merely summoning offenders.

In the field of local improvement work the authorities request power to construct cement walks without the consent of the owners liable to be assessed for the work.

General council powers are covered in the following clauses: To limit the city's liability for claims of compensation resulting from its exercise of its statutory powers; to define the position of the city with respect to claims for compensation by persons upon streets upon which no grade has been established arising by the exercise by the city of its statutory powers; providing for the alteration of the financial policy of the city through the issuance of inscribed stock and covering the right to alter existing debenture issues into this form of financial liability; to obviate the necessity of publishing the by-laws of the governing bodies of the city in the Gazette; to enable the city to exercise any of its powers by resolution of the council and to ratify all such powers heretofore exercised; to define more particularly the qualification of license commissioners.

### Juvenile Court.

To cover a need which was recently disclosed, the right of the council to build and establish a juvenile court and detention home is requested and the legislation regarding the extension of the city limits is asked to be amended so as to give the city wider powers in this field.

Special powers are asked by the council, without appeal to the electors, to act with reference to property in block 48, D. L. 181, and certain portions of lanes and streets in the vicinity.

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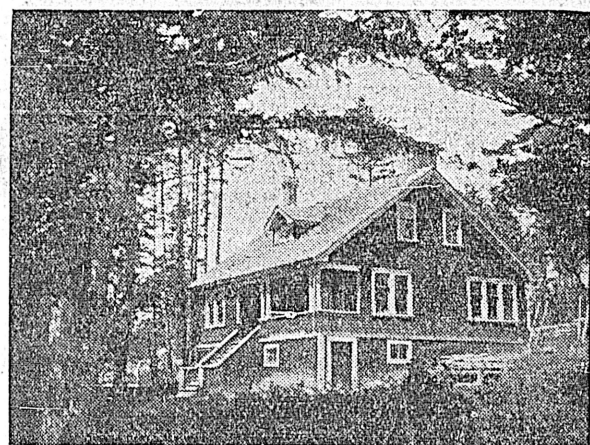
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ity of Front and Columbia streets, on the south side of False Creek. The matters covered by these requests have previously been discussed by the aldermen, the object in either case being the straightening and improvement of the streets at these points.

### IN OPTIMISTIC VEIN

W. J. Blake Sees Rosette's Future For Province.

W. J. Blake, of the firm of P. Burns & Co., the owners of a string of up-to-date meat stores throughout the Canadian Far West, and who recently bought out the interests of E. Porter & Sons of Victoria, was in Victoria yesterday looking over the prospects this glad Christmas tide.

Speaking of the present state of business affairs Mr. Blake said last

evening that with the conditions as they are, there was nothing but prosperity ahead of British Columbia. He had been throughout the interior recently and he declared that there had never been a better prospect. In the Kootenay country the advance was being made steadily and surely, on the Coast things were humming. Victoria had changed, Mr. Blake noticed, changed wonderfully within the year and the visitor felt a pulse of progress that was lacking two years ago even. Mr. Blake left last night for Vancouver.

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# In Woman's Realm

## Here and There

### CONCERNING WOMEN

To judge by the telegrams women of all sorts and conditions are taking a active part in the present contest in England. This is not a new thing. For many years now the daughters and

wives of British politicians have helped their men-folk in the campaigns. As a rule little has been said about it. Their part was to say pleasant things to the electors whether of high or low degree and it was only on rare occasions that they used their quick wits and sharp tongues to wound opponents. Sometimes, indeed, the electors were surprised to learn that a member's wife or friend could take his place on the platform and that her logic was as sound and her arguments as convincing as that of the absent candidate. But even then it was rarely that she

said anything to provoke the hostility of the opposing candidates and their friends. All this will be changed in the present campaign. The feelings of the suffragettes and their friends have been raised to fever heat and they will oppose the government with all the zeal and bitterness which a series of real or fancied wrongs has engendered.

It would be expecting too much of human nature to suppose that their conduct will not be resented by the friends and relatives whom they oppose with such unreasoning bitterness. While there are many who will not notice by word or sign these agitators, there will be others who will use weapons keener if not so heavy as theirs.

Marie Corelli has issued a manifesto against the government condemning its policy in unsparring terms. Just what weight the production of a novelist, very popular among a large class of readers will have, it is difficult to tell. That it will not be without its influence is certain. It is hard to believe that the British women of whom we, on this continent hear the most, will do much to help the men of the country to make a wise decision in one of the most important elections that has even been held in any free country. It may, however be believed that there are many thousands of women whose influence will tell for a calm and sane view of the situation by men on both sides of politics. Of these the newspapers hear little.

Miss Agnes Repplier, so a New York paper reports, has said that women lack truth and business integrity. One is reminded of the good man of old who said in his haste that all men were liars. Such sweeping generalizations are never correct. But such a statement coming from a woman whose judgment should be of some value calls for a little thought. Every one knows women whose word can be relied upon under any circumstances. No want of training would betray such women into any mistake in a business transaction which could even resemble dishonesty. In every community there are women who manage their own business or that of others with a prudence and directness that command success. Especially is this to be noticed in the benevolent institutions managed by women. As a rule one woman really does the business and charges of carelessness, much less of dishonesty, are very rare.

But, it is to be feared that there are many women, who in their intercourse with one another are open to the charge of disloyalty. Who has not been shocked by hearing criticisms, and very unkind criticisms, by women

of those from whom they are willing to receive favors.

No community is so small as to force those who believe one another capable of grave faults, to be friends. While circumstances may make politeness and association necessary it cannot compel intimacy with those whom we dislike. The woman who accepts the hospitality of another ought to feel it impossible to speak of her hostess slightly, much less cruelly. In this matter, it is to be feared the standard of women is much lower than that of men. This is a matter which every woman of kindly nature and high principle can help to reform. It is not necessary to be blind to the faults or failings of those whom we love and respect to refrain from speaking of them before strangers. It is better to err on the side of quietude loyalty than to be guilty of deceit and treachery.

There is still in Canada a good deal of provincialism. The old Celtic feeling of "clannishness" is strong in most of us. This is seen in the formation of many societies. In their way these do a good work. It is pleasant for the Yorkshire man to find himself among friends or for the newly arrived Scot to spend an evening where his accent will be unnoticed if it is not actually a recommendation. The visitor from Nova Scotia likes to meet his compatriots in a strange city. But such a feeling may well lead to abuses. In our immense country we must guard against provincialism. Canadians grow proud of being Canadians the sooner will Canada be really great and powerful. There have always been those who thought that unity was impossible. They have argued that the country was naturally divided into east middle and west and that Nature herself had forbidden union. But science has overcome natural barriers and shown us that the prosperity of each province tends to the advancement of all.

But if distance could not really divide us it has been many times repeated that the real union of Quebec with the rest of Canada would never take place. To the great majority of men and women of the other provinces the French-Canadian is a stranger and in all the years that have passed since the conquest of Canada little has been done to promote friendship between the dwellers on the lower St. Lawrence and the inhabitants of the other provinces.

There are signs that this isolation may pass away. The poems of Drummond have familiarized many of us with the habitant. The long term of office of a French-Canadian premier has in quite another way helped to soften old prejudices. Within the past few years education is spreading more quickly among the French-Canadians themselves. A few days ago the premier of Quebec delivered a lecture in Toronto in which he strove very effectively to bring before his audience a picture of the home life of people of Quebec. Much of what he said is of interest especially to women. In the course of his address Sir Lomer Gouin drew with an artist's

skill a realistic picture of the wife and mother the devotion of the members of the family and the deep religious tone that pervaded the home that was exquisite in its simplicity, and throbbing with feeling.

"Despite the cares and responsibilities of maternity," he said, "there are few more active, more helpful and more light-hearted companions than the habitant wife and mother. 'La Belle Canadienne' they call her, and how well she deserves the compliment! (Applause.) How attractive she is, those of you who have travelled in the province of Quebec don't need to be told, and those of you who have not should come and see. How good she is, time would fail me to tell you. Usually of robust constitution, strong in the religious faith that sustains her under her many burdens and responsibilities and in her sense of duty—domestic, frugal and industrious—a domestic wife and indulgent mother, she appears to be a combination of all the virtues.

"The habitant is prouder of his large family of children than of any of his worldly possessions," continued Sir Lomer. "The poorer he is the more delighted he appears to be with them. This was one reason, perhaps—the more numerous his family the greater number of willing workers there are upon the farm.

"But one must be given back in return to the good God who gives them so large a progeny. The brightest and best of the flock is selected with the approval of the parish priest for the holy mission, and the height of human ambition and happiness is reached for them, when the old father and mother, occupying the seats of honor in the church are the first to receive the sacrament at the hands of the child whom they have given to God, when he celebrates his first mass.

"Happy in his home and contented with his lot the habitant's light-heartedness and freedom from worry displays itself in a variety of picturesque and innocent amusements. He is a born reciter, and nobody is fonder than he of music, song and story. A country wedding the Province of Quebec often involves two or three days' rounds of festivities, which are sometimes continued from the house of one relative to that of another, till the whole string of family connections has been visited."

"There is, in this picture, much that accounts for the devoted love of the French habitant for his home.

The editor of Harper's Monthly says some things which those who love George Eliot's books will be pleased to read. One of the gossips who appear after the death of every great man repeated an unkind remark about the personal appearance of George Eliot, said to have been made by George Meredith. The speech was "George Eliot had the heart of a Sappho, but the face with its long proboscis and protruding teeth, as of the Apocalyptic horse, betrayed animality." Mr. Howells comments on the saying thus:

"One asks oneself and wishes at once to ask others what George Eliot's looks had to do with her novels and

one asks it, from our experience, in vain. This hard saying against her is as far from criticism as that unhand-some-looking Charles Reade was guilty of while he and she were both alive, to the same effect and purport; and it is a pity that George Meredith, now that she and he are both dead, should seem, or be made to seem, to behave so ill toward 'a heart of Sappho.' For, however we may differ from others as to the worth of Meredith's work, we would not let the maddest of his admirers outworship us in honor of his most noble and generous spirit; as much as any of them could, we hate to have this blot upon him, and we can imagine George Meredith meeting George Eliot in the fields of Asphodel, and magnanimously shrinking from the reproach of the quick 'Ah!' with which her ghost must encounter his in their mutual consciousness.

The only question for any one to ask himself concerning such criticism as the saying implies and the cruel charge of animality is at all founded. What proof of it is there in the woman's books? In "Scenes of Clerical Life," in "Adam Bede," in "The Mill on the Floss," in "Felix Holt," in "Romola," in "Middlemarch," in "Daniel Deronda"? None whatever, we say, unless it is animality to deal sorrowfully and sanely with men's and women's untruth to themselves and one another in that relation, in which they are finally most men and women. So far as asseptic handling goes, the temptations and seductions and adulteries which get into fiction from life, in her novels are surgically clean. Not one salacious suggestion, not one impure touch, not one sensual lure, not one gross word or low thought taints her stories from first to last. If they cry, it is on the side of a tragic ideal of sin as always self-punished, for sin is sometimes rather amused with itself and not finally dissatisfied to be so. Above all other English novelists she moralizes her theme, if she did not stoop to truth but rather aspired to it, with a devotion not surpassed even by Tolstoy's. It is not merely cruel, then, to speak of her animality, but from any proof of it in her books, any hint even, the long proboscis and the protruding teeth notwithstanding, it is false. Her looks can not now afflict her more; very likely she and Savonarola have quite other faces by this time; but that grand anima may still be wounded by the accusal of sensuality in which no recorded syllable of hers joins with her critic."

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How children are frequently trained is exemplified by a conversation which took place in a West Philadelphia home between a visitor and his nephew.

Said the uncle: "John, I'm very sorry to hear that you have been a great deal of a bad boy lately. Your sister tells me that you had to be whipped frequently."

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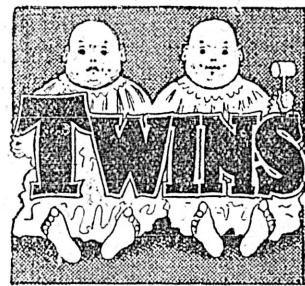
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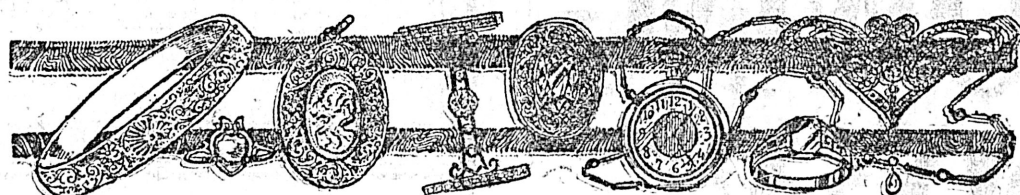


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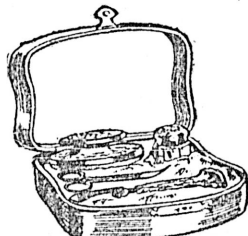
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|------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Lions      | 170 | 142 | 190 | 502  |
| W. Fairall | 119 | 117 | 125 | 361  |
| J. Clinton | 130 | 130 | 130 | 390  |
| T. Wilson  | 123 | 169 | 144 | 436  |
| H. Pike    | 127 | 129 | 158 | 414  |
| H. Morley  | 669 | 687 | 747 | 2103 |

Total ..... 669 687 747 2103  
Tigers  
T. Renfrew ..... 146 147 154 447  
H. Brewster ..... 121 162 165 448  
P. Turner ..... 109 124 123 356  
J. Renfrew ..... 121 130 146 397  
D. Breckenridge ..... 109 122 115 346

Total ..... 666 685 713 2064  
Scorer—H. Pettigrew. Judge—H. Jameson.

That billiard handicap being held at the Empress hotel is puzzling the wise

ones more than a little. It is said that the majority of the best have succumbed. What the result will be none appear to be able to say—all they do is to venture an uncertain prediction followed up by many qualifications.

It is pleasing to note the confidence of the New Westminster lacrosse team in the "home-grown" material. While Con Jones, of Vancouver, amid fanfares of trumpets gathers in experts from all over Canada to descend upon the little fortress on the banks of the Fraser, the holders of the Minto cup say nothing but that they have no fear of the phalanx of stars being assembled within striking distance—that they have confidence in the ability of British Columbians to knock-out the best aggregation that can be brought from the East by the attraction of glittering gold.

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Difficulty Regarding Association  
Amateurs and Pros to  
Remain in Abeyance

HATCHET BURIED  
UNTIL JANUARY

Situation on Vancouver Island  
Reviewed at Special  
Meeting

Peace has been declared.  
At last night's special meeting of the local branch of the B. C. A. A. U. it was decided that hostilities should cease until the holding of a general meeting of association football representatives which will take place at Vancouver some time in January. Those who have been suspended from amateur standing as a result of the Union's ruling regarding the association of professionals with amateurs on the football field will not feel the effect of their transgression immediately. If, at the assembly referred to, some solution of the difficulty, agreeable to the Canadian Amateur Federation is reached, they will not suffer and once more all will be peace and quietness in the ranks of the sportsmen of the north Pacific coast. The meeting which took place last evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, Broad street, was fully attended. D. O'Sullivan, of the James Bay Athletic association, occupied the chair. Others present were E. Christopher, of the North Wards; D. S. Tait, of Victoria West; W. H. Mesher, of Esquimalt; R. Tait, of Baracas; C. Holden, of the Bankers; A. J. Bruce, the secretary, and A. Locksley, chairman of the registration committee.

### Were Not Pros.

From the outset the discussion was most spirited. The situation which has arisen as a result of the Union's stern and uncompromising attitude with regard to the amateur question and the revolt of the soccer forces throughout the province was reviewed. Questions were asked by Mr. Tait and others of the officials of the B. C. A. A. U. and the latter answered them freely and with considerable emphasis. Mr. Tait explained that, although the Victoria District Soccer league had withdrawn, it was not their intention to become professionals in the broad sense of the term. They were not accepting money of any sports in which they engaged. The debate which developed brought out the point in the most forcible manner that the B. C. A. A. U. had no authority to sanction any schedule not complying with the rules and regulations of the central body and that any change or compromise made would have to come from headquarters. It

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was pointed out that the demand made here was going beyond that asked by either the hockey or the lacrosse people in the east. These were not parallel cases. There was no precedent. Such a request from the Pacific coast as was contemplated would have to be dealt with entirely on its merits.

### Temporary Settlement

As a temporary settlement of the deadlock it was moved by Secretary Brace and seconded by Mr. Locksley that, inasmuch as the soccer men of Vancouver have called a special meeting of all the British Columbia soccer leagues to meet in January and has invited the B. C. A. A. U. to confer with them, that the recent ruling of the Union re suspensions be inoperative until this gathering. It was carried unanimously.

This means that the City League, the Island series, and the basketball matches for Victoria's championship will be continued without trouble. If the Union has decided not to give even to the extent shown in the resolution outlined it would have meant

the disbandment of the basketball series and the hockey or the lacrosse people in the east. These were not parallel cases. There was no precedent. Such a request from the Pacific coast as was contemplated would have to be dealt with entirely on its merits.

"Bet you anything you like to mention that the Beacon Hills win that second division series." An enthusiastic supporter that soccer teams made the proposition yesterday. What have the North Ward boys, the next in the running, to say to this?  
A busy summer is ahead of Victoria sportsmen. Perhaps it is rather early to talk of what is coming with the sunshine of June, July and August but it is safe to say that few have thought of what is promised them in the way of athletics—the cricket tournament in which is decided the Pacific Coast championship and the international yachting races will bring hundreds to Vancouver Island.  
(Additional Sports on page 17)



## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. John Barnsley, of Victoria, is visiting in Seattle.

B. W. and Mrs. Greer are Christmas visitors at the Empress.

D. W. Higgins went over to Seattle last evening on the Princess Victoria.

Dr. W. L. Adams and W. G. Adams of San Francisco are guests at the Empress.

P. M. Linklater went over to Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte.

Mr. James Anderson, from Seattle, is spending a few days in town.

E. J. Perry left last night on a trip to eastern points.

W. H. and Mrs. Roper, of Kamloops, are Christmas visitors in the city.

J. B. Bell, formerly of this city, has opened the practice of the law in Prince Rupert.

S. N. Dancy has returned to Merritt after an extended stay with friends in Victoria.

Miss M. Kruger left yesterday via the Northern Pacific on an extended trip to New York.

R. F. Toimie, deputy minister of mines, went over to Seattle last evening to spend Christmas.

Captain and Mrs. Saunders left yesterday for Riverside, Cal., where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. Radiger of this city returned home yesterday on the Princess Charlotte from a visit to Seattle.

Dr. Bert Richards returned to the city to spend his Christmas at home here from Seattle yesterday.

Mr. Arthur L. Hunt, who has been spending a few days in town, will return to Thetis Island for Christmas.

George Palermo left yesterday via the Northern Pacific and the White Star liner Cedric on a visit to Naples.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Palmer left yesterday via the Northern Pacific on a trip to Southern California points.

Miss L. Bowron left town yesterday for Cle Elum, where she will spend the Christmas holiday with relatives.

Mrs. Jesse Longfield and her mother, Mrs. Kayton, of 527 Government street, will not receive today, Friday, the 24th.

Mr. Charles McDowell, of the Riverside hotel, Cowichan lake, is spending the Christmas holidays in the city with his mother.

Miss Aline Mackay is leaving town today for Thetis Island, where she will spend Christmas and be the guest of Mrs. Burchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Roberts, Burdette avenue, will spend the Christmas vacation at Bellingham, the guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roper, from Cherry Creek, are in town and will spend Christmas here. They are guests at the Empress.

Henry Cundell left yesterday for New York, whence he will sail on the White Star liner Laurentic on a three months' trip to England.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, Carberry Gardens, and Mr. Adrain Fletcher, are leaving town today for Vancouver where they will spend Christmas.

Dr. Rowe, secretary of the Vancouver Tourist Association, returned home last evening on the Princess Charlotte after a short visit here.

Henry Crane of the Attorney General's department, with Mrs. Crane and family, will spend the Christmas with friends at Enderby.

Mrs. Theriault, who for many years has been a resident in this city has removed to the city of Seattle to be

followed by her son in a few weeks time.

Capt. and Mrs. Gaudin, Miss Beo Gaudin and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wilby are leaving town today for Plover Island, where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey.

Mr. S. Langley, son of Chief Langley, who has been attending the University of Washington at Seattle, arrived on the Princess Charlotte to spend the holidays here.

Mrs. Alexander Melville Bell, the mother of Dr. Grahame Bell, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McCurdy of this city and not Mrs. Grahame Bell as previously stated.

A quiet wedding was celebrated in the Metropolitan Methodist Church yesterday afternoon when Rev. T. E. Holling united in marriage Mr. Michael Melcny and Miss Dora S. Hultz, both of whom are of Seattle.

Among the passengers on the Princess Charlotte last night for Vancouver were H. W. Fraser, A. O. P. Francis, Miss Ashwood, Miss Harper, Mrs. McKelvie, D. W. Robertson, T. D. Wilson, A. Morrison, H. Bayfield, T. Barry, Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Smith.

Among the Canadian visitors who recently registered in the office of the High Commissioner in London, Eng., were Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Griffiths, of Victoria, and Mrs. Francis Gibson, Mr. E. A. Leucas and Capt. Dawson, of Vancouver.

Mrs. McCormick of Robson street, Vancouver, announces the engagement of her eldest daughter, Sadie, to Mr. R. B. Newton, recently of Orillia, Ont., and now of Vancouver. The wedding will take place early in the New Year.

Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Patterson will take up their residence at Government House next week and receive on New Year's Day. Hon. J. and Mrs. Dunsmuir are removing to Hatley Park, their new residence, near Esquimalt.

Mrs. E. C. B. Bagshawe, Richardson street, was hostess on Wednesday afternoon at a smart tea given in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Cowley, who has just returned to Victoria from her honeymoon. Many friends were present and the house was charmingly decorated for the occasion with holly and Christmas decorations.

A very pretty wedding took place at the residence of the Rev. P. A. Tapscott, 1205 Fernwood Road, Victoria, on Monday, Dec. 13, the contracting parties being Donald Alexander McNeill, a business man of Vancouver, and Miss Nina Dunlop MacMillan of Victoria. The young couple left the same evening on an extended visit to the Sound cities and Portland. They will return shortly after the New Year and will take up their residence in Vancouver.

Among recent visitors to town from Vancouver include Mr. H. J. C. Coxon, Mr. C. A. Crosbie, Mr. R. S. Coxon, Mr. C. H. Fitz-Hubert, Mr. F. A. Clarke, Mr. C. H. Cahan, Mr. and Mrs. Newton, Mr. H. J. Maguire, Mr. H. A. Dowler, Mr. J. C. Lawson, Mr. L. G. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. O. Gustafson, Mr. J. Jones, Mr. William A. Black, Mr. R. C. Stoddard, Mr. J. C. Moon, Mr. W. Bayley, Miss Bayley, Mr. J. W. Macfarlan, Mr. R. J. Deachman, Mr. J. Wilson, Mr. A. Allane Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McLean, Mr. H. R. Bellamy, Mr. A. A. McPhail, Mr. P. M. Lindsay, Mr. Charles J. Peter, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Harrison, Mr. J. E. Simpson, Mr. A. R. Palmer, Mr. J. E. Hunter, Mr. J. W. Bell, Mr. W. H. Arlington, Mr. T. J. Stephens, Mr. W. L. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Taylor, Mr. A. G. Goodwin, Mr. E. C. Burnett, Mr. George C. Barker, Mr. W. J. Beardon, Mrs. K. Martin, Mr. E. C. Tait, A. A. Palmer, Mr. W. L. Clarkson, Mr. H. P. Gardner, Mrs. E. Scurry, Mr. W. Sinclair, Mr. A. C. Thompson, Mr. W. A. O'Neill, Mr. A. French, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Danglefield, the Misses Danglefield, Mr. G. R. Wright, Mr. A. H. Mr. W. W. Burke, Mr. A. W. Lee, Dr. and Mrs. Davies, Mr. W. Raymont, Mr. R. Cosgrove, Mr. William Noble, Mr. H. V. V. Chatterton, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Harvey, Mr. P. B. Hallett, Mrs. J. S. Glendenning, Mr. W. F. Gibson, Mr. W. F. Duncan, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. J. Lawson, Mr. W. H. Wood, Mr. Robert Stewart, Mr. R. B. Raymond, Mrs. J. B. Anderson, Mr. D. C. Little.

## TRADITIONS OF CHRISTMAS

According to tradition the date of Christ's birth was definitely fixed by St. Cyril who, about 340 A. D., made a careful calculation and reported it as December 25. Since that time many traditions have grown up affecting the festival. In every Christian country these traditions are observed, wholly or in part, to this day and in no country are there more of them than in Great Britain and the colonies under British rule.

No Christmas custom is older than the burning of the Yule log which is still practiced in those homes where there are big fire-places. In the old days it was made a part of the merriment of the season, this bringing in the Yule log and it became quite a ceremony.

The Christmas, or plum, pudding dates back to the earliest records of Christmas and is declared to be emblematical of the rich offerings made by the wise men to the infant in the Bethlehem manger. It was also considered a test of orthodoxy as the ingredients were held in abomination by the Jews.

The custom of using holly—one of the finest varieties of which grows abundantly on this island—is of great antiquity also. It is thought to have descended from the ancient pagan festivals. According to tradition it was in a holly bush that Jehovah appeared to Moses.

Mistletoe was a part of the heathen Saturnalia and was adopted into the Christian festivities. It was an object of special veneration from the ancient Druids when it was found growing on oak trees.

The pealing of the bells that rang out this merry Christmas morning is a reminder of some of the most characteristic legends of history. In Eng-

land where the wealth of tradition gives many a tale of the long ago one may still hear—the sages say—the tolling of Christmas bells buried beneath the sea if he but listens at the right place.

There, for instance, the bells of Whithy Abbey. When the abbey was dismantled its bells were placed aboard ship consigned to London. But despite the fact that the sea was calm and the wind fair the ship would not budge and presently it sank beneath the waters. Even today, it is said, one listening, on Christmas morning, by the side of these waters may hear the mournful dirge of the Whithy peals.

The Cornish coast stands the parish church of Botreaux from whose tower no bell has ever sounded. When the church was erected, tradition saith, the people were envious of the bells of a nearby church and they ordered a chime of their own from London. The bells were being brought by sea and when the ship was off the coast of Cornwall in a terrific gale the pilot suddenly heard the bells of his native town, ringing from the rival church tower. He exclaimed "Thank God." This enraged the skipper, who shouted "Thank the ship and the canvas." Soon afterwards the ship was driven ashore and all hands save the pilot were lost. And now, on Christmas day, the bells of Botreaux ring out beneath the water.

There are many other legends of Christmas bells. Near Kirkby Lonsdale, where a church with its entire congregation was swallowed up long ago, one may still hear the chimes far below the earth's surface on Christmas mornings. In Nottinghamshire there is a place where the earth opened and swallowed a whole village and the bells of the village church still peal out mournful dirges from the earth's bowels.

## OBITUARY NOTICES

## Spragge

An old time Victorian in the person of David Spragge, aged 63 years, passed away at the family residence, Third street, yesterday after an illness of three months' duration. A native of Guelph, Ont., he came to this city nineteen years ago. While here

he occupied several business positions, the latest being as local manager of the Imperial Oil Company. In faith he was a Congregationalist, and a valued member of the First Congregational church. He is survived by a widow and five children, the latter being Mrs. William Nichol of Victoria, Gordon Spragge of Whitehorse, Miss Phoebe Spragge of the Girls' Central school teaching staff, and Messrs. Leonard and Alfred Spragge. The body has been removed to the Hanna chapel, Yates street. The funeral will take place at 2.30 p.m. today from the First Congregational church.

## U. S. SENATOR DEAD

Mr. McLaurin, of Mississippi, Expires Suddenly While Seated in His Library

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 23.—U. S. Senator A. J. McLaurin died suddenly last night of heart disease at his home in Brandon, Miss. The fatal attack seized Senator McLaurin while he was seated in a rocking chair in front of the fireplace in his library. He fell forward without speaking a word and was dead when members of his family reached him. The sudden death followed within a few moments of a remark by Senator McLaurin that he was feeling better than he had felt at any time since his illness resulting from ptomaine poisoning. The appointment of his successor may be made immediately by Governor Noel. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Senator McLaurin, who was 61 years old, began his first term in the United States senate in 1894, but was elected governor of Mississippi in 1895 and served in that office four years. He was elected again to the senate in 1900 and served one term. He then returned for the term which began on March 4, 1907. His present term would have expired on March 3, 1912. He served through the civil war as a private in the Confederate army. In the senate he was one of the strongest defenders of the south, though not as radical as some.

A New York man was almost struck by an airplane the other day. Probably a poet, building castles in the air.

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| Scarf Pins, \$1.00 to .....            | \$75.00  |
| Silver Hair Brushes, \$7.00 to .....   | \$12.00  |
| Toilet Sets, leather, \$7.00 to .....  | \$25.00  |
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| Fountain Pens, \$2.00 to .....         | \$25.00  |
| Bill Books, \$1.75 to .....            | \$6.00   |
| Wallets, \$2.00 to .....               | \$7.00   |
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| Hand Bags, \$1.75 to .....           | \$28.00  |
| Hair Combs, \$1.00 to .....          | \$15.00  |
| Silver Toilet Sets, \$15.00 to ..... | \$65.00  |
| Ebony Toilet Sets, \$2.75 to .....   | \$15.00  |
| Opera Glasses, \$4.00 to .....       | \$25.00  |
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A rather interesting, and decidedly encouraging point of view is that taken by the well-known copper authority, the U. S. Investor, of Boston, Mass., in a recent issue, where the opinion is frankly expressed that the quoted prices of Granby stock on the markets are far too low, when the company's production and resources are taken into consideration. The remarks of the U. S. Investor on this subject are worth a careful perusal. It says:

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present time is that of Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Co., which is quoted around 100. I believe the stock is worth more, and I look to see it selling considerably higher within the next year. As a matter of fact, the annual report of this company as of June 30th, 1909, shows conclusively that the property is again attaining a position which will enable the declaration of a dividend to be made before long.

"Last year Granby produced 21,901,523 pounds of copper at about 10 cents a pound. This copper was sold at an average of 15.22 cents per pound, and the gross income was \$3,983,536. The net profits were \$681,134, leaving, after dividend charges, a surplus of \$111,131, as compared with a deficit of \$68,473 last year. In other words, this means that \$5 was earned on each of the 135,000 shares of stock, and that rather than showing a deficit the company piled up a good surplus for the year. Of the \$5 earned, \$2 per share was paid in dividends last December and \$3 per share went into charges for new construction.

"Some have unfairly criticized the management for not charging the construction up to the copper costs. The majority of people, however, believe that since the company was to realize the profits from this construction during the following year, it was only right to charge its cost from the earnings. During the year the company increased its underground development so that 40 per cent more ore might be handled than heretofore. This underground development work was properly charged to copper-making costs. That the company is now making use of these increases is shown by the fact that during the month of October it increased its production by nearly 50 per cent.

"The Granby Consolidated, Mining, Smelting & Power company is not an old company. Incorporated in 1901, it began paying dividends in 1906, and has paid a total of \$25 per share: \$12 in 1906, \$9 in 1907 and \$4 in 1908. In other words, since the date of its incorporation this company has paid better than \$3 per share each year of its existence. The company now has seven furnaces in operation and its production will be brought up to over 30,000,000 pounds of copper per year. With the costs decreasing (they are now about 9 1/2 cents per pound), there is no reason why the company should not make money even on a 13 cent metal market. Figuring the costs at 9 1/2 cents, even on a 13 cent metal market, the company would then show earnings of over \$7 per share. This, however, is a conservative estimate, for many believe that within a year the costs will be down to 9 cents, and that the production will be greater than 30,000,000 pounds of copper, perhaps 35,000,000, an output which would show a fine profit to the stockholder.

"The company has a capital of 150,000 shares, par value \$100 per share, and 135,000 shares are outstanding. It is expected that the remaining 15,000 shares of treasury stock will be issued towards the latter part of the year in order to take care of the money the company has invested in the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. The company is controlled by strong New York interests, James J. Hill being represented on the board of directors, as is the American Metal Co. and the Nichols Copper

Co. I believe this stock will sell materially higher within the year."

Nothing could show more plainly than does the above extract the high position which this British Columbia mine has reached among copper-producers and dividend-payers, and nothing could point out more plainly the splendid future which dozens of existing copper properties in this province may look forward to, given only the requisites of industry and intelligent development by men of skill and experience. Nor is it a case of waiting a long time for a return for one's labors. As the writer above quoted points out, the Granby was only incorporated in 1901, and, while much was done before it reached the incorporating stage, the time, as measured by years, was not long. Such particulars as those given above are calculated to put the heart into every man who owns a copper "spec" in our big province, and should act as a beacon to light him along the road to success.

### The Consolidated Company Acquires New Property.

Word is to hand of the acquisition of one or more valuable mineral properties by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. of Canada. This is the property known as the No. 7 group of mineral claims, situated in Central Camp, eight miles southeast of Greenwood, and two-and-a-half miles east of Boundary Falls. The sellers were the B. C. Copper Co. and the Giant Powder Co. The No. 7 group consists of eight claims and fractions, aggregating 300 acres. The ledges carry gold and silver, and the ore is of the concentrating type. The ledges are of fair average width, and very persistent. About 3,000 feet of development work has been done, a shaft of 200 feet and drift along the main ledge.

From present indications the acquisition of this property by the Consolidated company is likely to mean a great deal both for the Greenwood Camp and the surrounding country, since it is reported that the intention is to build an aerial tram, two-and-a-half miles in length, and a concentrator with a capacity of 150 tons a day. The concentrator will be of a type thoroughly adapted for the concentration of the class of ore found in the ledges of the No. 7 group. The construction of the concentrator in particular will be most advantageous to the district in general, as well as to the No. 7 group itself, since it will give many neighboring properties, which are known to carry the same character of ore, the long desired opportunity of having their product tested with a view to finding out whether it will pay for treatment.

### The Supply of Gold.

While returns of absolute accuracy are, of course, not yet obtainable, it is estimated from reliable sources that the world's output of gold for the present year will not be less than \$450,000,000, or about \$16,000,000 more than the record reached last year. Discussing this interesting subject, which has so prominent a place in the thoughts of many of those interested in British Columbia mines, the National City Bank circular says:

"There is every reason to expect that the world's product will increase annually for several years to come. The probable life of the mines of the Rand has been the subject of much speculation among mining circles, the consensus of opinion being that these great mines will contribute largely to the world's output of gold for at least a quarter of a century. At this time there is no

indication of a decline in the gold production of the South African field. On the contrary, the output from this source is growing from year to year. The greatest feature in the life of these mines is represented by the depth at which they are being worked. It is admitted in the mines of nearly all other parts of the world heat increases one degree Fahrenheit for every 55 vertical feet of depth obtained, while in the mines of the Rand the increase of heat is only one degree Fahrenheit in 265 vertical feet. This physical condition will admit of the successful working of these mines to a great depth, and will much prolong the period of their productivity.

"There is a popular impression that much the greater part of the annual gold product is used in coinage, but this is an error, as only about 45 per cent. is used for monetary purposes, the balance being consumed in the arts, the manufactures and hoarded. Notwithstanding the great increase in the production of gold in the last twenty-eight years, the demand is constantly growing, and the principal countries of Europe have adopted measures to conserve, as well as to increase their holdings of the yellow metal."

### B. C. Copper Co. Profits.

A gratifying increase in profits, accompanied by a no less satisfactory decrease in the cost of production, is shown in the reports of the operations of the British Columbia Copper Co. for the month of November. The profits are stated to have amounted to \$54,000, as compared with \$38,000 in October. The cost of producing copper was lowered to 7.35c. per pound, as against 8.8c. for the previous month. This is a very remarkable showing indeed, and it may not be out of place here to mention the fact that, something like a year ago, the moderate cost of copper production prevailing in the properties of this company attracted the favorable comment of some of the leading copper authorities in the United States.

E. J. Chamberlain, general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, is expected to arrive in Vancouver from Winnipeg about the 10th January, en route to Prince Rupert. A week will be spent in the northern city in conference with other traffic officials now visiting the Coast. Various details in connection with the tracklaying operations next spring on the 100-mile coast section and the proposed steamship service between Prince Rupert and Vancouver and Victoria will be worked out. On his return from the north, Mr. Chamberlain will spend several days in Victoria and Vancouver. The traffic officials are now en route to Portland and San Francisco, where various matters respecting the company's proposed operations will be discussed. The members of the party are Messrs. Geo. E. Bell, assistant passenger traffic manager; W. P. Hinton, general passenger agent; J. E. Dalrymple, assistant freight traffic manager; F. C. Salter, European traffic agent, and Capt. H. Nicholson, recently appointed manager of the company's steamship lines on the Pacific Coast.

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#### EVANGELISTS MAY

#### SPEAK HERE

Gale and Collisson Visiting Victoria in Search of Rest.

Evangelists who are well known on the continent of North America, Messrs. H. L. Gale and W. H. Collisson, of Boston, are at present visiting the city in search of rest. Their vacation is, however only of brief duration for early next week they leave for Vancouver where they will conduct a fortnight's campaign. Efforts are now being made to have them return here towards the end of January and carry out a series of meetings.

In the centres of population which they visit they enlist the aid of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. A feature of the success which is at-

tending their efforts can be gleaned from the fact that Mr. Gale addressed audiences of between 7,000 and 8,000 people. Mr. Gale is the speaker, the choir work being carried on by Mr. Collisson, who was formerly an operatic singer. Mr. Collisson possesses a high tenor voice of considerable power.

To the Colonist Mr. Gale stated that evening that the object of the campaign being carried on by himself and his companion is to obtain large results and to reach portions of the different communities who never come in contact with the different churches. Specialists in their work they desire to inculcate a higher type of living among mankind. Towards this end they have been laboring for the past fifteen years, visiting during that time various places on this continent and also the centres of population in England.

The results of their efforts have been of a far reaching character. Their methods are similar to those employed by Chapman and Alexander, Torrey and Butler and "Gypsy" Smith. Mr. Gale states that he and his confrere are very anxious to address a series of meetings in Victoria, and it is anticipated that arrangements will be made whereby they will return here next month.

The visiting evangelists are registered at the Dominion hotel.

### LEGAL INTELLIGENCE

In chambers yesterday before Chief Justice Hunter, re Richard Morrison, deceased, Mr. Oliver, for the administrator, asked leave to sell the real estate. Mr. H. C. Hanington, on behalf of the heirs, brothers and sisters resident in the east, asked for a stay. The court ordered the application to stand over.

Re John Irving, deceased, Mr. Higgins for the administrator, Mr. Elliott, K.C., for the claimant, an application for payment of the claim of J. K. Kelly was granted.

In the case of Baiss vs. the British Columbia Electric company, Mr. Alkman and Mr. Davie appearing, an appeal for security for costs of appeal was granted by consent.

Re F. Schneider, deceased, Mr. Courtney and Mr. Higgins appearing, an application for the payment of monies in court. An order was made for the payment out of court of the shares of the widow and two daughters.

There will be no regular sittings in chambers during the Christmas vacation which begins today and ends January 3rd. The divorce case of Smith vs. Smith will be heard immediately after vacation in the supreme court. In the supreme court yesterday the case of Forrest vs. Spears affecting the will of the late Matthew J. Marshall, of Cowichan, continued all forenoon and all afternoon. The chief witness

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yesterday was the man Moulton to whom, by a secondary will which is being contested, Marshall left some property. Crease & Crease are acting for the plaintiff, and Perry Mills, K.C., for the defendant. Owing to the absence of Dr. Dyke, of Duncan, whose testimony will be required, the case was adjourned until January 4, 1940.

#### Roof Fire Does Damage

Fire caused by sparks from the chimney set the roof of the residence of A. C. Bagshaw, 1031 Richardson street, ablaze yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. The brigade was promptly on the spot and put out the fire. Damage to the extent of about \$25 was occasioned.

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those present that this good feeling must be maintained in the future to still further the reputation of the house for which all were working. Fair, impartial and generous, yet strict on duty, Mr. Kostenbader has indeed earned the respect and regard of those working under his guidance.

### Band Reorganizes

The Victoria concert band was reorganized last night when the following officers were elected: President, Mr. S. Billingsley; secretary-treasurer, Mr. G. O. Okell; business manager, Mr. J. Ball; librarian, Mr. Geo. Keown, and an executive committee to consist of all officers and the bandmaster. The band has been fortunate in securing

the services of Mr. Louis Turner as leader, as he is a thoroughly competent and very able musician in every respect, having had considerable experience in this respect.

### Treat and Entertainment

The Christmas treat and entertainment of the St. Paul's Sabbath school, Victoria West, took place in Semple's hall on Wednesday evening and was largely attended by deeply interested young and old. Supper was served to the children at six o'clock which was followed by a number of interesting games and at 8 o'clock an interesting programme together with exchanges of Christmas gifts by teachers and scholars.

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The migratory ducks and geese, flying low enough to encounter the mast head lights, dashing themselves to death upon the heavy globes, and a harvest of as many as twenty-five or thirty teal, mallard, butterball or widgeon was no unusual collection on an early winter morning.

With the disappearance of the mast lights, as proven impracticable, the sporting side-line attached to the light trimmer's billet became less lucrative. Still an occasional bird comes the way of the man of carbons, and he accepts the goods provided by the gods, nor mourns the passing of the halcyon time.

Perhaps it is just possible, also, that birds learn to comprehend the conveniences of civilization, and recognize their dangers. Certain it is that instead of being an instrument of death, the electric light today has become for a portion of the birdland population a winter evening comfort. On Government, Yates and Fort

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Victorians responded nobly this Christmas to the appeal issued by the Shaftesbury Society of London, Eng., on behalf of the crippled and helpless children of the world's metropolis. Today there will be cabled to the society's headquarters the sum of \$573.95 just \$50 more than was cabled from this city last year.

A. J. Brace, honorary secretary of the local committee which has been canvassing for funds, will mail any late subscriptions which those charitably inclined may hands to him. Additional subscriptions not hitherto credited were as follows:


Strawberry Vale Methodist Sunday school, \$6.25; St. Saviour's Church Sunday school, \$13.50; Oak Bay Anglican Sunday school, \$8.00; Wood-

Congregational Sunday school, \$8.00; Centennial Methodist Sunday school, \$60.00; Mrs. Geo. Glover, \$1.00; Mrs. Ashe, \$2.00; Mr. S. Darlow, \$2.50; Mr. Landsberg, \$1.00; B. S. H., 50c; F. W. Dawson, 50c; Marjory, Dorothy and Andrew Robertson, 50c; E. Walter Ganges, \$5.00; Mrs. Bass, \$1.00; Master Bass, 25c; Mrs. Richards, 50c; Mrs. James, 50c; Mrs. Dunn, 50c; Friends, City Hall, \$3.05; A. H. P., \$1.00; A. Jeeves, \$1.00; Dan McKenzie, \$1.00; Jos. Cardwell, \$1.00; J. Goldstraw, \$1.00; E. Jeeves, \$1.00; Jack Blair, \$1.00; F. McCormick, \$1.00; Herbert Higgs, \$1.00; Chas. Anderson, \$1.00; J. Wymer, \$1.00; Knox Presbyterian Sunday school, \$8.25; Cedar Hill Sunday school, \$2.00; Metropolitan Methodist Sunday school, infant class, \$4.75; Mount Tobaie, \$1.00; Spring Ridge Methodist Sunday school 2nd, 75c; Alex. McDonald, \$1.00; J. J. Newnam, 50c; D. Warwick, 50c; F. Carlow, 50c; A. Wyman, 50c; H. Maisie, 50c; J. Warwick, 50c; B. Galt, 50c; Jos. Newnam, 50c; L. E. Newnam, 25c; M. Hanson, \$1.00; Jack Newnam, 25c. Total \$573.95.



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**New Prison for Ontario**  
TORONTO, Dec. 23.—The Ontario  
government has purchased five farms  
in close proximity to Guelph city,  
extending in all to 600 acres, for a new  
central prison site. The farms pur-  
chased are: Walsh, 130 acres; Farr,  
83 acres; Matthews, 210 acres; May-  
ers, 50 acres; Fleming, 130 acres; and  
the price paid was \$42,500, or about  
\$70 per acre. The legislature author-  
ized the spending of \$50,000 on the  
purchase, so the amount paid is well  
within the appropriation. Work will  
begin almost at once on the buildings.

**Railway Extension in Alberta.**  
CALGARY, Dec. 23.—The train ser-  
vice from Lacombe to Stettler has  
been extended by the Canadian Pacific  
to Caster, one of central Alberta's  
newest towns. The line, which was  
extended this year, serves the terri-  
fically north of Sullivan lake. The new  
train service will be of great conve-  
nience to land seekers, as it is expected  
that there will be a marked demand  
for Canadian Pacific lands adjacent to  
this extension. A very aggressive land  
selling campaign will next year be in-  
augurated in Canadian Pacific lands in  
central Alberta.



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**RICH CARGO  
ON EMPRESS**  
R.M.S. Empress of India Pass-  
ed Close to Derelict Susie  
M. Plummer  
**NO REPORT MADE  
OF THE WRECK**

Large Number of Russians  
Coming—Heavy Loss of  
Life in Korean Waters

With a cargo including silk worth  
over a million and half dollars and  
246 passengers, seven only in the  
saloon, the R.M.S. Empress of India,  
Boston, which reached here last  
night passed close to the derelict  
Susie Plummer inbound from Yokohama,  
no warning having been sent,  
as was expected, to the incoming liner  
by wireless. "We might have  
struck the wreck, which is a danger-  
ous menace to navigation. We did  
not know of its existence until reach-  
ing port." The Empress of India made  
a fast run being but twelve days from  
Yokohama. The mail brought was a  
record one, 550 bags being landed  
here.

There was a small complement of  
saloon passengers, but seven in the  
saloon. These were Mark Baggallay,  
of Jardine Matheson & Co., the well  
known tea man from Keelung, For-  
mosa, who has made many trips from  
the Orient, J. P. Montague, represent-  
ing the Japanese Dollar steamship com-  
pany at Yokohama and Peking, which  
city he left on December 1st when the  
Plebo river froze up, no steamers be-  
ing caught in the ice this year. O.  
Kittz, a German engineer who has  
been employed in the construction  
work on the Fukuyoshi-Tientsin rail-  
road, came from Chinan Fu on his  
way to Hamburg. Rev. M. B. Mad-  
den, a missionary came from Japan.  
Fung Yu Nong, a New York Chinese  
returned from a buying trip to Can-  
ton where he bought a large shipment  
of Chinese provisions for country-  
men at New York. S. Yamada, a  
Japanese merchant, came from Tokyo  
bound to London. There were 48  
intermediate passengers and 191  
steerage, mostly Chinese. One Sa-  
loon passenger, Mr. Montague, and  
19 Chinese steerage, of whom three  
paid the head tax, were taken aboard  
there were 19 Chinese who paid head  
tax among the Chinese for Vancou-  
ver.

The cargo of the steamer was one  
of the richest brought across the Pa-  
cific. There were included in the  
freight of the white liner, totalling  
922 tons weight and 2,616 tons meas-  
urement, 2,338 bales of raw silk, 145  
bales of wild silk, 116 bales of waste  
silk, 7 cases of pongees, 16 cases of  
silk goods, 206 cases of manufactured  
silk, 188 cases of linens, 10 cases  
of cigars, 5 cases of cutgut.

**Tartars Coming**  
News was brought by the Empress  
of India that 250 Russians have left  
Dahly for Kobe, intending to embark  
on a steamer for Victoria and Van-  
couver. It is the intention of the Rus-  
sians to settle in British Columbia  
and take up farming.

Tremendous loss of life was occa-  
sioned off Korea and Japan by severe  
gales shortly before the Empress of  
India sailed. News was brought from  
Korea that six hundred and twenty  
Korean fishing vessels were wrecked  
off Sampo, South Ham-gyong, while in  
northeastern Korea more than half  
the fleet of fishing craft was lost. The  
loss of life was expected to exceed  
two thousand.

**Consul Withdrawn**  
Japanese newspapers referring to  
the recall of Mr. Cloud, United States  
consul at Mukden, lay stress upon the  
news that his departure from Muk-  
den followed the publication of his  
report referring to unfair methods of  
the Japanese in Manchuria, and some  
papers state this report caused his  
recall. Several papers stated he was  
recalled to discuss the report with the  
state department at Washington.  
United States Ambassador O'Brien is-  
sued an official denial, stating Mr.  
Cloud's return had no connection with  
his report.

The Dutch cruiser Noord Brabant,  
which had returned to Yokohama from  
San Francisco encountered a hurri-  
cane on route and had her mainmast  
broken, her wireless apparatus being  
disabled in consequence. She was  
several days overdue on arrival.

News was brought from Vladivostok  
by the Empress of India that two  
schroekers are expected there to be  
sent to the Arctic to ascertain if a  
passage from Vladivostok to Europe  
that way is possible.

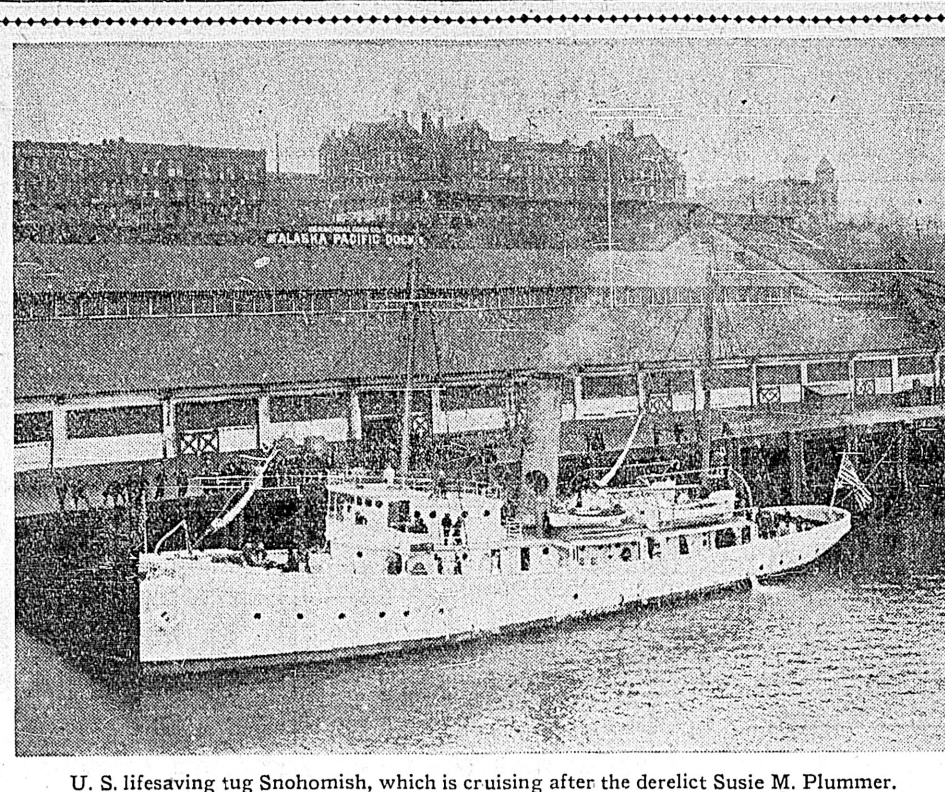
**China and Portugal**  
From Macao news was brought that  
a contingent of Chinese soldiers oc-  
cupied an island claimed by Portugal at  
the Macao border and wounded a  
number of islanders claiming Portu-  
guese protection and seizing some  
junks. A protest has been made by  
the Portuguese officials.

General Kuokki and a party of  
policemen in Japan had a narrow  
escape in an accident when going to  
a board hunt in Izu. A carriage was  
overturned, and fell thirty feet down  
a hillside, Vicepoints Yabu and Oka-  
zaki and Barons Hosokawa and Oseko  
being severely injured. Vicepoint  
was picked up unconscious and  
it was feared for a time he would  
succumb.

**ELWELL FOR SALE**  
Vessel Which Lay Idle at Esquimalt  
For Many Months to Be Sold Un-  
der the Hammer.

The American ship Elwell, which has  
been disengaged since she arrived here  
over a year ago from Halphong, via  
Keelung, and is now lying at West Sa-  
ville, will be sold to the highest bidder  
by United States Marshal C. B. Hop-  
kins from the steps of the federal build-  
ing, Tuesday, to satisfy debts.

The Elwell is one of the oldest and  
best known sailing vessels operating  
at this port. She was built in 1875  
at Damariscotta, Me., and operated on  
the Atlantic for several years. For a  
time she was in the lumber carrying  
trade on the Pacific, but in late years  
has been operating to Alaska. During  
the gold rush the Elwell carried pas-  
sengers to the northern ports.



U. S. lifesaving tug Snohomish, which is cruising after the derelict Susie M. Plummer.

#### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

By Government Wireless.  
Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, wind  
southeast. Bar. 29.95, temp. 35.  
Sea smooth. No shipping.  
Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, calm.  
Bar. 30.08, temp. 55. Sea smooth.  
No shipping.  
Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Light snow, a  
southeast breeze. Bar. 30.05, temp.  
55. Sea smooth. In steam scho-  
ner, 5:50 a.m. Out, steamer, 6:35  
a.m.  
Pachena, 8 a.m.—Snowing, wind  
easterly. No shipping.  
Etevan, 8 a.m.—Snowing, wind  
southeast. Bar. 30.05, temp. 55.  
Sea smooth. Spoke Kaga Maru,  
lat. 49.25, long. 130.34.  
Cape Lazo, noon—Clear, southeast  
wind. Bar. 30.05, temp. 55. Sea  
smooth. No shipping.  
Point Grey, noon—Cloudy, south-  
east wind. Bar. 30.05, temp. 55.  
Sea smooth. No shipping.  
Tatoosh, noon—Snowing, north-  
east wind. Bar. 29.95, temp. 55.  
Sea smooth. No shipping.  
Pachena, noon—Snowing, south-  
east wind. Bar. 30.05, temp. 55. Sea  
smooth. Spoke Empress at noon, 30  
miles west of here.  
Etevan, noon—Cloudy, southeast  
wind. Bar. 29.95, temp. 55. Sea  
smooth. No shipping.

Last summer she made a voyage to  
St. Michael and Nome with general  
stores and supplies for missionaries and  
government schools. She was operated  
by the Seattle Shipping company and  
was in command of Capt. F. D. Swain.  
Shortly after her return, she was libeled  
by her crew for wages and placed in  
charge of a deputy sheriff.

The Elwell is a wooden vessel of  
1,461 gross and 1,355 net tons, of 212.3  
feet length, of 39.1 beam and 24.7 feet  
deep.

#### MORANS TO BUILD PUGET SOUND STEAMER

Contract Awarded by Puget Sound Na-  
vigation Co. Vessel to Replace  
Whatcom.

The Moran company was yesterday  
awarded the contract for the construc-  
tion of a steel steamer for the Puget  
Sound Navigation company, the cost of  
the new vessel to be about \$175,000.  
The vessel will be ready for service on  
or before June 1, next, and will be  
placed on the run from Seattle to  
points on the Strait of Fuca.

The new vessel will be built on prac-  
tically the same lines as the steamer  
Whatcom, now on the run, save that  
she will be of steel entire up to the  
passenger deck. She will have a speed  
of 14 knots an hour, a knot speedier  
than the Whatcom, and the new vessel's  
boilers will develop 250 pounds of  
steam against the Whatcom's 180  
pounds. The new steamer will have  
sleeping accommodations for 110 per-  
sons and all the staterooms will be two-  
berth rooms, with specially fitted up  
and spacious bridal chambers forward.  
A large observation room with a  
plate glass front will be forward on  
the hurricane deck.

#### COAL FROM JAPAN

Western Fuel Company Reported to  
Have Chartered Four Steamers to  
Bring Cargoes.

It was reported today that the West-  
ern Fuel company has purchased about  
20,000 tons of coal at Moji, Japan,  
for delivery at San Francisco and  
four steamers have been fixed to  
bring the product over. They are the  
Norwegian steamer Hercules, under  
charter to the Port of Seattle line;  
the Standard Oil tank steamer Semi-  
ole, the tramp steamer Stratton and  
one of the vessels of the Robert Dol-  
lar company, probably the Hazel Dol-  
lar, which is now in the Orient.

#### Lightship Adrift.

The Sandheads Lightship is reported  
out of position and the steamer New-  
ington has been sent to replace the  
light vessel.

#### Kentucky Sails Soon.

The steamer Kentucky bought at New  
York for the Alaska Coast Steamship  
company, will leave for Seattle on Jan-  
uary 10. It was first intended to con-  
vert the Kentucky into an oil burner,  
but after Chief Engineer Plattett con-  
cluded his survey of the steamer he  
recommended that the steamer should  
be allowed to remain a coal burner, and  
in consequence the vessel will not be  
converted.

#### RESTORER LOCATES THE BROKEN CABLE

Picks Up San Juan End of Telephone  
Line and May Complete Re-  
pairs Today.

The cable steamer Restorer located the  
San Juan end of the broken tele-  
phone cable across the gulf yesterday

#### GOVERNMENT BUYS H.M.S. RAINBOW

Sister of Appollo to Come to  
Canadian Waters in the  
Spring

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 23.—The Vic-  
toria despatch that the Dominion gov-  
ernment has purchased a cruiser for a  
training ship is officially confirmed.  
The vessel which will constitute the  
nucleus of the Canadian fleet is the  
second class twin-screw cruiser Rain-  
bow, a sister vessel of the Appollo, and  
will be purchased outright by the Can-  
adian government and not borrowed.  
The Rainbow is now undergoing re-  
pairs in one of the admiralty dock-  
yards and will cross the Atlantic early  
in the spring or summer manned by a  
complement of British officers and a  
skeleton British crew. The Rainbow  
cost \$250,000 but the amount which the  
Canadian government will pay has not  
yet been determined. The armament of  
the Rainbow is as follows: Six-inch  
guns, six 4.7 guns, eight six-pounders,  
one three-pounder and four torpedo  
tubes. The government is negotiating  
for a second and larger ship to be sent  
to Canada a little later on. With the  
training ships in commission it is ex-  
pected that it will be possible to turn  
out Canadian seamen at a fairly rapid  
rate to man the vessels of the Cana-  
dian navy as the vessels are completed.

#### NEW ENGLAND WAS DAMAGED BY STRANDING

Returned to Vancouver With Plates  
Crumpled and Hauled Out For  
Repairs.

With several of her plates badly  
crumpled and with only one blade of  
her propeller left, the fishing steamer  
New England, Captain Churchill, has  
returned to Vancouver, after running  
ashore on the rocks at Lima passage.  
The steamer went to the cradle of the  
B. C. Marine railway at Vancouver  
yesterday afternoon and will be on  
drydock for nearly two weeks accord-  
ing to estimates made yesterday. The  
disaster occurred on the morning of  
December 20, when the New England  
was homeward bound from Ketchikan  
which she left on Sunday last. About  
5 o'clock on Monday morning she was  
steaming through Lima passage with  
the pilot in charge and without warn-  
ing she ran against the cliffs with a  
terrific crash. The crew was just  
turning out for breakfast and the  
shock caused hot coffee and food to  
shoot through the forecastle on to the  
main deck, and the vessel was in a  
sustaining a severe sea. In the gal-  
ley the cook was bombarded with pots  
and pans and Captain Churchill  
awoke to find a Christmas tree outside  
his window. The vessel was steaming  
12 knots when she struck and the only  
explanation so far forthcoming is that  
in edging away from a shoal on the  
other shore the pilot, in the dark, ran  
too close to the opposite bank.

The New England drove on the rocks  
last night and it was 24 hours before  
the crew managed to get her off and  
the fact that she was re-floated is tes-  
timony to the seamanship displayed.  
The steamer Farallon, northbound saw  
the New England ashore but instead  
of stopping went on and reported the  
accident at Ketchikan. In contrast to  
the behavior of the Dominion  
Fisheries cruiser Kestrel which ar-  
rived on the scene and stood by, ren-  
dering every assistance possible. Com-  
mander Newcombe had his boats low-  
ered.

The New England was laden with  
40,000 pounds of fresh fish and two  
carloads of frozen fish from the Ket-  
chikan plant. This cargo was shifted  
off as far as possible and after 24  
hours of hard work she was backed  
off. Three blades of the propeller  
were lost but with only one blade  
working the New England made a  
knots. The plates forward are cor-  
rugated and a big bill for repairs will  
be incurred.

#### Katanga at Vancouver.

The steamer Katanga, Captain Plo-  
mer, of the Australian mail service,  
reached Vancouver yesterday morning  
from San Francisco via Comox, and  
anchored off Hastings mill. The Ka-  
tanga will load some two million feet  
of lumber at Hastings mill and will  
sail for Australia via Eureka and San  
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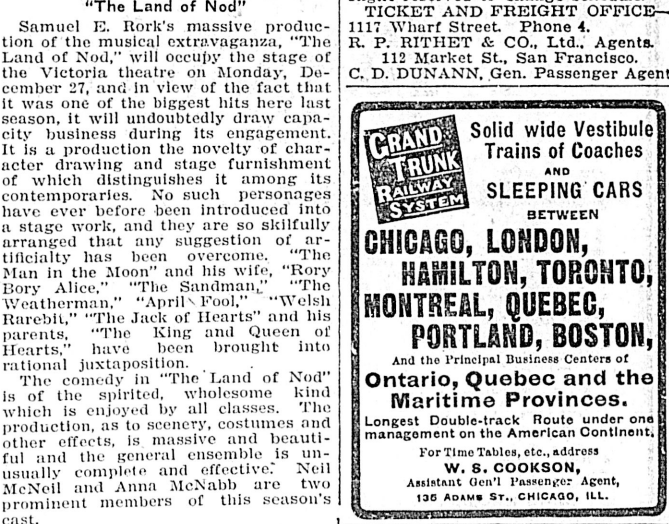
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her husband's departure and desertion,  
takes up the trade of a printer, moves  
another town, starts a newspaper,  
becomes a strong factor in local politics  
and is the man of the family, support-  
ing her two lovely children, Lucile and  
Mary Jane, in comfort and happiness.  
She doesn't do it from choice but from  
necessity. It only goes to show what  
a woman can do and is a lesson to hus-  
bands to perform their obligations and  
duties, else "they needn't come round."  
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nesday, December 29th, at the Victoria  
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## PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS



A new Unitarian church has been formally dedicated in Vancouver.

Burnaby has formally organized a district board of trade.

Miss May Tully, a former Nanaimo girl, is making a marked success in vaudeville, on Pantages' circuit.

Hon. Justice Murphy is spending Christmas at his former home in Aschcroft.

Macdonald, Marpole & Co., of Vancouver are applying for a foreshore grant on False creek.

Tramway service on the North Arm road, South Vancouver, was inaugurated yesterday.

Dangerous showers of rocks, the result of careless blasting, continue to alarm Prince Rupert residents.

Vancouver's Mount Pleasant Baptists have laid the corner stone of a handsome new church edifice.

The Vancouver Exhibition Association are already moving in the direction of having an extra good show next year.

Vancouver has received an expert report from Chicago that wood blocks are now favored by the best authorities as paving material.

The B. C. Electric company has put on a double service between Vancouver and New Westminster during the holidays.

Representatives of the financial house of A.E. Melville & Co., of Toronto are investigating the investments offering in New Westminster.

The Kaslo-Slocan district mines have produced more ore tonnage during the present year than in any previous twelvemonth.

Negotiations are proceeding for the double-tracking of Columbia street, New Westminster's principal business thoroughfare.

The Japanese have been found responsible for the recent serious fracas at Gray's Mills, and terms of from 30 days to six months' imprisonment have been prescribed.

Dominick Burns is reported to have purchased the Byrom farm at Ladner, paying \$230 per acre for 150 acres. The property adjoins the Pat Burns ranch on the river.

It is expected that a decision on the plans of the New Westminster general hospital will be reached at a meeting to be held on the 27th instant.

Kengo Ishimura was yesterday committed for trial on the charge of murdering a compatriot at White Rock last Saturday. H. L. Edmonds is conducting the case for the Crown.

Dr. Brydson-Jack has been appointed medical health officer of the Vancouver city schools, the position of assistant being held over for further consideration.

William Hubbard McCormick has been taken back to New Westminster by Police Chief McIntosh, being apprehended upon his return from Prince Rupert for having defrauded merchants of the Royal city during his previous residence there.

John Semko has been awarded \$1,200 damages from the B. C. Electric Railway Co. in consequence of the killing of his cousin at Central Park some time ago. The company did not dispute liability for damages, but left the amount to be determined by the court.

The Provincial police had reports yesterday that an East Indian gambling house is running in South Vancouver. It is alleged that there are more than one thousand idle East Indians in and about Vancouver, who spend the greater part of their time at this house, where over 100 have sleeping quarters.

Thomas Knowlton had a thrilling and serious adventure last week, when for three days he wandered lost and helpless about the woods of Kaden Island. Cold, hunger and anxiety brought the lost man to a most unhappy condition. In the opinion of medical men, however, he has sustained no permanent injury.

The B. C. Electric Railway company is to spend \$500,000 in New Westminster during the ensuing season—in new rolling stock, additions to the carshops, etc. Four electric locomotives, and more than 100 additional passenger and 100 extra freight cars are to be secured. Two milk trains will be run daily on the Chilliwack line.

Dr. H. Young is the new coroner for Prince Rupert.

Prince Rupert is moving to secure a first class hospital, the urgent need for which is daily apparent. Last week an operation for appendicitis was of necessity performed in the hotel dining room. The patient, a lady, is making satisfactory progress toward recovery.

One more appeal has been listed for hearing by the new court when it sits in this city on the 4th proximo. Hon. Justice Morrison having granted a reserve case in the matter of the conviction of two Vancouver Chinese for chicken stealing. The appealing Chinese are represented by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, and have given cash bail of \$4,000.

Hon. Justice Morrison has reserved decision in the application of the B. C. Electric company for a non-suit in the case of Morton vs. the company, in which a verdict of \$8,000 damages was given by a jury recently. The company pleads contributory negligence on the part of the victim of the accident, who lost both feet.

### Nanaimo Japanese Strike

Four hundred Japanese fishermen of Nanaimo have gone on strike for an increase in pay. The fishermen have been furnishing their employers with herring for \$1.50 a ton, paying their own board and lodging. With the scarcity of herring the fishermen claim they have found the price too small to make wages at it, and their dissatisfaction took form at a meeting which was held Monday, when it was decided to demand \$2 a ton. The employers would not grant the request and the fishermen accordingly struck.

### Ikea Mine Not Sold

The announcement of the sale of the Ikea mine, Queen Charlotte Islands, which was given out as closed, has proved incorrect according to the latest advices. Mining & Smelting company was considerably less than that offered by Glasgow capitalists and for this reason the sale was called off. It has not been announced whether there were other reasons or not for the breaking off of negotiations. The shareholders have taken up matters as they were before the expiration of their option and the advent of the Trail interests.

### Suicide Follows a Spree

With blood, brains and pieces of skull scattered about the walls of his shack, "Big John" Wren, a C. P. R. bridge watchman, was found by friends dead in his shack at Kitchener a few days ago. Placing a rifle of large calibre to his head he had pulled the trigger by means of a strap attached to his right foot, with a result that a horrible wound was inflicted which caused instant death. He had been drinking heavily. Deceased, who was a Swede, had been in the employ of the C. P. R. for many years as foreman and bridge watchman, and was well known in the district. Coroner Rose and Martin of Nelson investigated the case, but decided that a formal inquest was not necessary.

### The Christmas Spirit

Judge Grant administered a severe rebuke to a young barrister of Vancouver, in the county court of that city on Tuesday, for garnishing a man's salary under a judgment summons which the court had already enlarged till April, on account of the hard circumstances of the debtor. The original judgment in the plaintiff's favor was for \$431, but because of a death in the family and funeral expenses borne by the defendant, the court adjourned the summons till April. During the week the plaintiff's lawyer got out a garnishee against the defendant's wages for an instalment of the debt. Judge Grant said that the lawyer had only insulted the court by going behind its back to the registrar and getting out a garnishee, when it had given directions to the contrary. Moreover, he had shown himself deficient in that milk of human kindness which should flow more freely in the Christmas season than at any other time of the year. He would not allow the case to remain in court for one hour while the lawyer appealed.

### Point Grey Lands

H. B. Smith, P.L.S., has just completed the subdivision of a large tract of the provincial holdings at Point Grey. The area is about three times that of the property recently sold at auction, and consists of a strip of land half a mile deep and three-quarters of a mile long, fronting on English Bay and extending west as far as the Government wireless station, from the western boundary of the tract recently sold.

ly sold. The survey has been carried out so that the lots are of irregular size, running from 150x120 feet to two acres in extent. A site which has also been laid out at the First Ravine. It is not known when the Government will put up the lands for sale, although it has been thought probable that an auction may be held in the spring. Mr. Smith will spend the remainder of the winter subdividing the Point Grey lands over to the North Arm of the Fraser.

### Cupid and Appendicitis.

Cupid and appendicitis had a Christmas battle royal yesterday afternoon at the Vancouver general hospital. Cupid was an easy winner. The principals in the event, aside from appendicitis, were Miss Ethel Cochran, matron of the hospital at Kamloops, and A. E. Melghan, also a resident of Kamloops. The bride reached Vancouver a week ago. The same night she was taken violently ill of appendicitis and the following day operated upon. Yesterday was her wedding day and rather than postpone the event, it was decided to celebrate the nuptials in the hospital. Members of the hospital staff took a lively interest in the event. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. Milliken, pastor of the Wesley Church. If the bride is able to be moved, the couple will return to Kamloops on Christmas Day. The bridesmaid was Miss Josephine Cullen and the groomsmen Dr. Turnbull.

### Petroleum in Matsqui

Aldergrove and the country surrounding Sumas and Abbotsford have been thrown into excitement by the efforts of a syndicate headed by J. J. Banfield, of Vancouver, F. S. MacInure, of Matsqui, and Mrs. McLagan, formerly of Vancouver, to find oil in the district. The syndicate has \$400,000 behind it, and is prosecuting boring operations. About 2,000 acres of land have been optioned, and borings have been made all over it. Mr. Banfield was recently on the scene of activity, and is stated to be confident that oil will be found within a short time. The first find of oil, said the press, which is said to be a sure sign of petroleum, was made several weeks ago when a lighted match was accidentally dropped on the ground. It inflamed the sod at once. The news was brought to the city, and immediate operations were made to go after it. The inhabitants of the countryside, whose farms have nearly all been staked, are keenly interested in the efforts of the company. The belief that there is oil in this district is scarcely new, as it was exploited in the same region in 1902. What was then thought to be natural gas proved merely marsh gas, and experts reported that geological conditions were against the presumption of an oil or gas body.

### Ready to Arbitrate.

"From time to time statements have been made in the press that as a result of the interurban accident of November 10 last, some of the bereaved and injured are in immediate need of assistance, that offers have been made by the railway company of small sums with sinister motives; the conduct of the coroner impugned and the jurors censured, although they, at personal loss listened patiently to the testimony of forty witnesses, and now the promoters of recent benefit concert have been asked, 'What have you done with the money?' To these insinuations, none of whom I am satisfied are the real sufferers, I would state that in order to facilitate a speedy settlement of all claims, probably 25, made or to be made against the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, this company is willing to submit itself to the arbitration of any one of the judges of this province without the formality of legal proceedings, with its proper delay and expense."

This is the statement made by A. C. Beck, solicitor for the British Columbia Electric Railway Company. He continued:

"In the event of it being found impossible for all the claimants to join in one arbitration, then this offer is open to any one willing to adopt such procedure, and I give further assurance that the amounts awarded will be paid within 24 hours thereafter. This method is not without precedent, as the writer as sole arbitrator satisfied out of the Point Ellice bridge disaster of ten years ago. I repeat, this company will accept without delay such a submission, as soon as any judge may be found by the claimants or any of them, willing to accept the position of arbitrator, and under the circumstances such acceptance, with all due respect, would be commendable, without need or apology for this public suggestion."

### Chieftain Arrives.

The big Chieftain has arrived for repairs from the Skeena with her water tanks leaking. She will take a scow load of lumber to Prince Rupert for the Westholme Lumber Co., after completing an overhauling.

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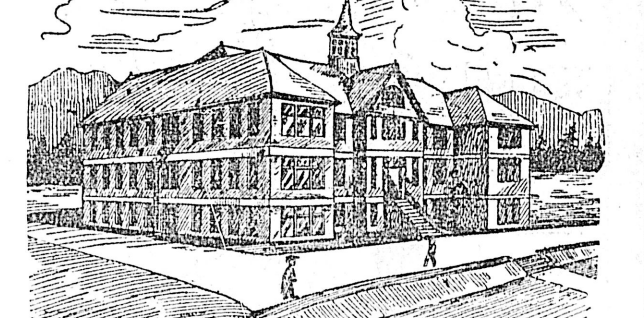
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## HOLIDAY FARE FOR VICTORIANS

Christmas Poultry Nearly Sixty Tons—Some Moralizing Thereupon

### CHRISTMAS FARE.

Victorians will consume 56 tons of fowl tomorrow and Sunday. Turkeys, which has been the predominance, there will be, approximately, 36 tons of turkey, 10 tons of geese and 10 tons of ducks. Few chickens will be eaten, and pork and mutton will drop to a minimum, even the roast beef of Old England giving place to the Yuletide bird.

When you sit down to your Christmas turkey or your goose or your duck tomorrow you may not realize how many other turkeys or geese or ducks are being sat down to. It is the fate of the turkey or the goose or the duck to assume a beautiful crisp brown tint and decorate the carver's end of the Christmas board. Then, there is the carving. Some men and many women are good carvers. Others again are not. In the case of the latter it is often fortunate indeed that the bird that undergoes the operation has departed its life prior to the ordeal. Surgeons of experience have an advantage over ordinary mortals in the matter of carving. Once a prominent surgeon presided at the head of the family board on Christmas day. He was an absent-minded man, and while he carved, his thoughts were intent upon a knotty point in his profession. He had just made a neat incision laying bare a wealth of fine dressing when he suddenly stopped carving. His wife, perplexed, asked him the cause. "What is the matter dear?" she inquired.

The surgeon, his thoughts a-roving, gravely replied: "I should say, judging by indications, a simple rupture of the left aorta."

There are many methods of carving. The earliest method was that employed by the paleolithic men who used stone knives and their own teeth. Since that time many new ways have been devised, some better and not a few worse. Probably the best general and fancy carvers are the female keepers of boarding houses. The average landlady, in good trim, can make a dead turkey go farther than ever it went in life. Some landladies can cut a slice so thin that a paper-weight is required to prevent it from blowing away by a stray gust of wind. It is well, if the Christmas dinner

is eaten in a boarding house, to previously cultivate a stand-in with the landlady. It is unwise to give the landlady cause for offence at any time but it is especially so just prior to Christmas dinner. There is the outstanding instance of the young man who quoted a well-known phrase when the landlady brought in the Christmas turkey. The young man knew it was a cold-storage turkey and he exclaimed: "It is not dead but sleepeth." What happened to him was plenty!

### Poor Piteous Potts.

Then, there was the sad case, case of old Mr. Potts. Mr. Potts inhabited a boarding house in the Rue Berri, Montreal, presided over by a landlady of refined acidity. Her countenance would have stopped a phonograph and her voice was sulphuric. Her age was a matter of conjecture, private conjecture of course. One Christmas day with a table full of expectant boarders she was flourishing knife and steel before a large, tough-looking turkey when a young man, seated next to old Mr. Potts, hoping to please the landlady, remarked to old Mr. Potts:

"Potts, Starvenout looks quite cherky, Mr. Potts."

Poor old Mr. Potts was hard of hearing, and understanding his young neighbor to have referred to the turkey, he responded with enthusiasm:

"My, my yes, a rare bird I will say, young sir, a rare bird!" And he was so hungry too!

Most Victorians, according to the results of an investigation made by the Colonist will have turkey for Christmas. There will be some ducks eaten and some geese. One family that can lay hands on a turkey will have one tomorrow. The same will hold true through the Dominion. If the turkeys that will disappear tomorrow (all but the pickings which will be served cold on Sunday) could have been gathered into one big flock, prior to their demise, it would have taken a ten-acre park to hold them if they had stood touching.

### BUSINESS STILL RECORD BREAKING

Merchants Report Buying Heavier Than Ever Before in City's History

Shop early. Another record day yesterday for the merchants of Victoria. Instead of falling off as some dealers feared, the Christmas rush continued with increased volume and yesterday was the biggest day yet. The downtown streets were crowded all day and last evening bundle-laden crowds flocked from store to store in steady unbroken streams.

There never has been such a Christmas in Victoria. Despite the overcast sky and slightly warmer temperature yesterday the weather sharps declare that there is every indication of a continuance of the fine weather. This will put the cap sheaf on the record season's business.

The city began to put on its real Christmas aspect yesterday. Express wagons, laden down with odds and ends of bundles began their pilgrim-

ages through the residential streets. In many of the wagons green spruce trees attested the nearness of the festival. In the stores flocks of children gathered about the toy counters and looked for Santa Claus who seemed to be omnipresent, appearing in half a dozen places at once. One little chap paused before a huge fir tree that grows on a lawn on Fort street. He was bound downtown with mamma when the sight of the noble tree arrested his attention.

"Mamma!" this young two-foot man exclaimed, after gazing at the tree for some time, "if I had an axe now, I could get our Christmas tree myself!"

### POLITICS DRIVES THEM HITHER

Old Countrymen Write Development League That They Are Coming to Vancouver Island

Already unsettled political conditions in the Old Country are driving people to Vancouver Island.

No less than three letters were received by the secretary of the Development League yesterday, two from England and one from Scotland and all with the same complaint. The writers all stated coming to Vancouver Island next spring on account of the unsettled political conditions in the old land. All three are people of means and will invest in land.

The Lloyd-George budget if invidious to people of landed wealth in the old country is working Vancouver Island this much good.

### OREGONIANS COMING

Exodus to Vancouver Island from This State Commences

The vanguard of a colony from Oregon which purposes coming to Vancouver Island, arrived in this city in the person of C. Michelson, who has purchased between 300 and 400 acres of land at Banfield and will commence to clear it.

Mr. Michelson communicated with the development league and obtained data with regard to conditions upon this island. As a result he visited several districts and finally decided to make Banfield his headquarters. He will return to Oregon and will be accompanied back by a number of

### Civic Pay-Day Today

Today will be pay day at the city hall, the date for this interesting ceremony being advanced in order that the employees as well as the aldermen may have some spending money for Christmas.

### To Subdivide Property

In all likelihood the property known as the Dean Farm near the Willows on Cadboro Bay road will be subdivided and placed on the market. The property is now owned by a Winnipeg syndicate which will divide the tract along lines similar to the Uplands Farm which immediately adjoins the Dean Farm. About 300 acres is comprised.

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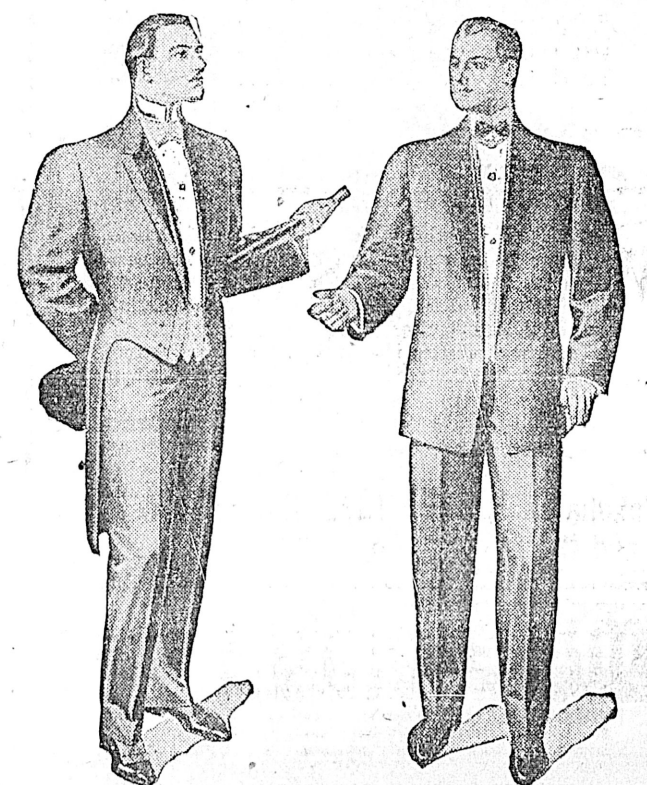
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What are you going to do on Christmas?

Maybe you're an athlete or "one what is in training or one of them guys what has been and would like to be again." If so, there's no need asking the question. You will either take part in the Empress club's five-mile race, chase the pig-skin, or gather up your paraphernalia and go for a run in the morning, and spend the morning strolling around the Oak Bay golf links.

Maybe you're a spectator—using a poor imitation of the lingo of the bowery, "a feller all caked in on sports what has quit and likes standing on the sideline piping in play shouten sometimes, and between times blowin' smoke rings from the real thing in the seegar line." Should you belong to this class there is a splendid variety for you're selection.

Are you a soccer enthusiast. Then there's nothing to it. You have a morning's work cut out for the forenoon of the great festival.

Here is an outline of the offerings: The Big Match.

Victoria West vs. A. O. F. in Island League match at Oak Bay, the men to line up at 10 o'clock promptly. The Wests will wear jerseys of green and the Foresters will be distinguished by an array which is dazzling. Those with weak eyes should go prepared for the shock might do their optics serious injury. It is hinted that some enterprising individuals with the bump of caution highly developed have taken the precaution of having a specialist on the field. For this apologetic is extended to the A. O. F. president. No reflection to the taste of the club is intended. These comments are simply designed to give the many hundreds this advisedly because soccer is increasing in popularity here and on Christmas all will have a day off—an opportunity to place the rivals as soon as they see the formation.

No doubt about it whatever the game's going to be a hummer. Some think that the A. O. F. eleven are what in the slang vernacular are known as "muffs." No such thing. Those who saw them in action against the Nanaimo gallants last Saturday will agree that they are about as speedy an aggregation as Victoria has produced in recent years. A strong forward attack, a well-balanced half-back combination and sturdy full-back and goal-keeper—what more could be wanted? When that is said, the A. O. F. have been accorded as full a meed of praise as can be given an Association football squad. When it is added that the thoroughbred from across the harbor are hard to beat, who will gush the statement that the struggle is destined to be a memorable one? Victoria West has long held the palm in Victoria so, when it is said that the Foresters are the first to seriously question their superiority, it follows that Christmas Day's match is going to be no minor affair but something close to the "real thing."

### Other Games.

That's only the initial item on the bill-of-fare. Besides there are three Second Division matches and, in order that the reader may see at a glance just what is offered, here are the fixtures in condensed form:

North Ward vs. Baraca, at Beacon Hill upper grounds, commencing at 10 a. m. Fred Richardson, by special request, will act as referee.

Y. M. C. A. vs. Regiment, at Beacon Hill lower grounds, commencing at 10 a. m. J. G. McKenzie, referee.

Esquimalt vs. Beacon Hill, at the Canton grounds, commencing at 10 a. m. H. Brightman, referee.

### The Road Race.

See anything there to interest? A chorus of answers—some affirmative, some negative. Well, for the benefit of the latter, there still is another choice. Perhaps the five-mile race under the auspices of the Empress Athletic Club, starting from the hotel at 10 o'clock, and finishing there after the seven or eight runners have covered the James Bay district pretty thoroughly, will suit the rather fastidious taste of this class. If the calibre of the entrants and the care they have exercised in preparing for the grind is a safe basis for conjecture the sports should find in this a rare tit bit of entertainment. While the statement has been made before in these columns it is repeated for the benefit of those who might not have noticed the announcement that the presentation of the club's challenge cup will be made to the one whose limbs prove strongest and fleetest by Mrs. H. D. Helmcken.

### Golf Also.

Even now the conclusion of what is on the tapis for Christmas hasn't been reached. There is the golf referred to at the outset. There is a club competition for which the secretary declares the entries are numerous. When all these sources of amusement are borne in mind, when it is remembered also that the hunters still will be able to go afield in search of willow or blue grouse, pheasants or mountain quail; when it is further recollected that the weather man promises a fine day, with just enough frost in the air to make it bracing—ideal conditions for automobile or driving—it would appear that Victorians with the red blood of the sportsman will put in a Christmas eclipsing even that on which their mind, in looking back, dwells most fondly.

### AT HALF TIME

A carnival for the festive fans is slated for New Year's night at Tacoma.

That an international board of six authorities should be appointed to draft uniform weights and rules for the government of pugilistic encounters is the opinion of Sporting Life of London, Eng.

The construction and equipment of the race track at Juarez cost \$600,000 while as much more has been hung up in prizes. And yet dividends are being paid on the huge investment according to report. Appears to be a paying business.

As they say it is a long lane that has no turning it is to be presumed

### THE CHAMPION'S NIGHT-MARE.

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## NEW YEAR'S BIG DAY AT Y.M.C.A.

Six and Half Mile Road Race in Morning and Gymnastics in Afternoon.

New Year's will be the big day at the Y. M. C. A.

The ball will be started rolling in the morning when the annual six and one-half mile road race takes place, with a full list of entries, one or two men with reputations as distance runners between whom there is rivalry, that should make things interesting, and under the direction of officials who know their business.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon there will be a gymnastic exhibition. Physical Director Findlay has developed and is training some athletes who will be heard from. Those who attend will be able to satisfy themselves as to the soundness of the statement.

One hour later there will begin a basketball game of sorts. The rival teams have been selected from two sections of the junior department and those who haven't seen the kiddies in their war togs shouldn't miss the opportunity. Take this tip—there's a treat in store. The fives are known, respectively, as the Beavers and the Whirlwinds. The names have not been chosen haphazardly. They give an instant insight into the character of the aggregations. The Beavers play aggressively but steadily, never losing

patience, no matter how far behind. On the other hand the Whirlwinds enter into the play like cyclones from the outset and make things hum.

Here is the way they will line up: Beavers—Guards, M. Moore and H. Campbell; centre, G. McEachern; forwards, E. Carne and M. Baker; substitute, S. Thomson. Whirlwinds—Guards, F. Tabman and G. Hamburger; centre, I. Grant; forwards, D. Mitchell (captain), and C. Nelson; substitute, F. McNamee.

About the Road Race. The feature, without a question, will be the road race, which starts from the Y. M. C. A. quarters at 10:30 o'clock. The route outlined is down Broad to Yates street, to Government, to Belleville, to Pandray's soap works, thence to Dallas road, to Beacon Hill twice around the track, down Douglas to Superior, to Government, to Fort on to Broad and finishing where the start was made.

The entries: G. Brown, V. W. A. A.; G. Dickson, Y. M. C. A.; C. Johnson, Y. M. C. A.; C. Kersey, E. A. C.; C. Carroll, E. A. C.; C. Jasper, Esquimalt; Sweeney, Y. M. C. A.; R. Wallis, Y. M. C. A.

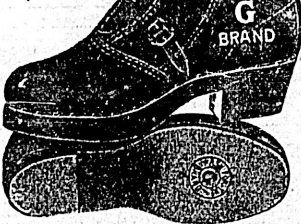
Frank Baylis was the winner last year. He made the run in the remarkably fast time of 35.31, which will take some beating. His days as an amateur, however, are history. He's among the pros now and isn't doing badly at that. Beckwith, who was second then, won't parade before the sports. He has decided to devote his attention to the shorter distances, principally the mile and may be seen in action in connection with some of the summer's meets.

There are two or three of the contestants so evenly matched in figures that the fight is expected to be keen. Dickson, the Y. M. C. A. man, appears to be the favorite in the minds of those who have reputations as men of discernment in such matters. Carroll, of the Empress Athletic is a strong second choice, while Kersey has many friends.

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These remarks seem so appropriate at the present time in Victoria, at least judging from experiences of my own within the past thirty days, that I cannot refrain from giving them publicity. They may give courage to the man with the money, and cause him to take advantage of opportunity.

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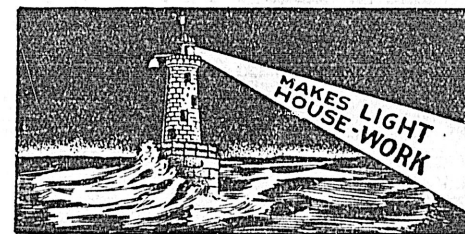
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